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Two parents enjoy the fall foliage during a walk on Friday afternoon.

Family Weekend draws 1,600 visitors

by Katie Childs '08
NEWS EDITOR

The College hosted close to 1600 visitors from October 21-23 for Family Weekend. Tours, games, concerts, exhibits, classes, and presentations filled the schedule for Family Weekend and offered students an opportunity to let their families glimpse into their busy lives as Hamilton students.

Parents were encouraged to attend classes with their son or daughter on Friday, October 21. In addition to regular classes, there were also six "Family College" presentations. On Friday, visitors could attend *The Nature Handbook: A Guide to Observing the Outdoors*, a science research poster session, or *Alexander Hamilton—the Life and Legacy of Our Most Elusive Founder*. There were three more Family College offerings throughout Saturday afternoon: *On the Trail of Lewis and Clark: An Interdisciplinary, Bicentennial Voyage of Discovery*, *Integrating the Old and the New on our 194-Year-Old Campus*, and *The Real Deal: Teaching and Learning with Art Objects*.

The opening of the new Science Center has been the talk of campus for weeks, and families were able to see exactly what all of the fuss has been about. Guided tours of the building were offered on Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Families also took time to support the Continentals, despite the rainy weather. On Friday, crowds gathered to watch the men's soccer team and women's field hockey team play. On Saturday, the football team hosted Colby, the women's field hockey team faced Rochester, and the

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Commencement ceremonies to be held in Field House indefinitely

Decision eliminates costly outdoor setup for graduation

by Katie Childs '08
NEWS EDITOR

Over 500 seniors will participate in Commencement on May 21, 2006. In years past, the location of this annual event—the Field House or outside in front of Burke Library— has been decided last minute after reviewing the weather reports. The Class of 2006 will not have to play this wait-and-see game, though: a recent decision made by the College, and supported by class representatives, determined that their graduation ceremony will take place in the Field House.

In the past twelve years, Commencement has been held outdoors three times. "A great deal of time, energy and resources goes into doing the double setup only to lead in the vast majority of cases to graduation being held indoors," said President Joan Hinde Stewart.

Avoiding disappointment on graduation day was only one factor that was considered when making this decision. "This decision was made, in addition to the practical considerations, as a cost-cutting measure," said Meredith Bonham, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. The cost of having an extra setup is $18,000, including equipment rental and labor. "In addition to the cost savings, one set-up allows us to concentrate all of our efforts on making that location the best possible ceremony for our graduates," said Bonham.

Commencement has not been held outside since 2000, a fact that fueled discussion last year about permanently moving the ceremony indoors. "The issue was originally discussed following Commencement this year when, once again, the weather was horrific," said Bonham, who is responsible for overseeing Commencement Weekend and consulted with several adminis-

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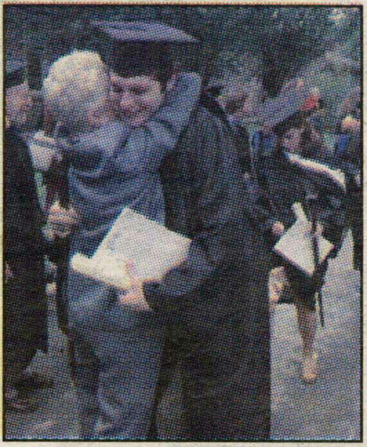

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Commencement was held outdoors for the last time in 2000.

College cited for water violation

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Hamilton College's water system is contaminated with trihalomethanes (THM), a violation detected by the Oneida County Health Department after the average level for the past year exceeded the maximum acceptable level as set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), College officials announced earlier this month.

According to the EPA, THM are a group of four chemicals formed along with other by-products when chlorine or other disinfectants used to control microbial contaminants in drinking water react with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter in the water. The EPA's maximum allowable annual average of THM is 80 parts per billion. Serious health risks, including increased risks for certain types of cancer and an increased risk miscarriages and birth defects when consumed by pregnant women, have been linked with consumption of water contaminated with high levels THM over an extended period of time.

Hamilton's water, derived from the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA), averaged 105.5 parts per billion over four quarterly tests conducted between December 2004 and August 2005, according to Joseph Robertaccio, P.E., a public health engineer at the Oneida County Health Department.

According to Robertaccio, the contamination of Hamilton's water is the result of the amount of time it takes the water to travel from the MVWA to the

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Panelists discuss excess, disconnect on college campuses

Event provides forum for *Binge* author and Trustee Barrett Seaman '67, faculty, and students to debate campus climate

by Laura Barry '08
NEWS WRITER

On October 24, Hamilton College Charter Trustee Barrett Seaman'67 lectured on his recently published book *Binge: What Your College Student Won't Tell You* and took part in a panel discussion with a Hamilton professor and administrator. Seaman declared that the main title of his book is too commercial and misleads the reader. The book is not just about drinking as the title suggests, but rather, as the subtitle proposes, the book covers "Campus Life in an Age of Disconnection and Excess." Disconnection and excess were two major recurring themes discussed concerning the dramatic change since the 1960s to present college experience.

Seaman, a former reporter and special projects editor of *Time* magazine until he retired in 2001, lived for two years at twelve different colleges exploring and examining present college life. In 2001, Seaman lived in Rogers dorm, enabling him, unlike professors and administrators, to experience the after hours of collegiate life. He declared that after five or six o'clock a new culture rapidly emerged, where the adults on campus departed and the students took over.

Critics of Seaman argue that with 4,000 institutions of higher education in the United States, it seems impossible that his select analysis of 12 elite colleges could represent a complete examination of campus life in mainstream American schools. Seaman countered this argument by stating that his selection of 12 schools varied in size, geographic location, and type.

Furthermore, he chose to investigate leading schools, like Harvard, because mainstream American schools try to emulate the policies of these elite colleges. He believes that his research represents a thorough analysis of American campus life because he analyzed those institutions where the beginning of change in policies, and thus campus culture, would be occurring.

Seaman advanced the idea that discontent, a product of American technological and commercial culture, is manifested clearly on college campuses today. In the 1960s technology represented a payphone down the hall, whereas today Seaman declares technology is "ubiqui

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PHOTO BY LETTY BEDARD '06

The panel took place in the Chapel on Monday.

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Levitt lecture focuses on U.S.-China relations

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Lampton and Wang have been acquaintances for two decades.

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

The Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center and the Edwin Lee Fund in Asian Studies recently sponsored a discussion entitled, "Same Bed, Different Dreams: Chinese and American Perceptions of Superpower Responsibilities" as part of the "Responsibilities of a Superpower" series. The discussion featured two panelists, David Lampton and Jisi Wang. Lampton is the director of Chinese Studies at The Nixon Center and Dean of Faculty at the John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Wang is Dean of the School of International Strategic Studies at Peking University and director of the Institute of International Strategic Studies at the Central Party School of the Communist Party of China.

Lampton and Wang were given 25 minutes to state their views on U.S.-China relations. Hamilton Professor Cheng Li moderated the discussion and emphasized in his introduction that Lampton and Wang are equivalent to Michael Jordan and Yao Ming in the area of U.S.-China relations; they advise top officials in their respective governments.

Lampton, speaking first, highlighted three major responsibilities of the two superpowers. The first responsibility of each state is to manage itself. The United States and China must take care of their own internal affairs.

"The United States and China have to manage their relationship with each other," said Lampton. Maintaining this connection is the second responsibility of superpowers.

The third responsibility of China and the United States according to Lampton is to cooperate with each other to manage elements of a complex international system. Lampton emphasized that China's size is roughly equivalent to that of the United States and that 22% of the world's population can be found within its boundaries. Positive relations between the two are important.

The United States and China must cooperate on major international issues, such as Avian Flu and the SARs epidemics. Other mutual concerns include global warming, energy conservation, new energy research, and the presence of nuclear weapons in North Korea.

Wang spoke next, explaining that there are increasingly divergent views about many issues in China, including social welfare and class differences. "We are now faced with a growing gap between rich and poor."

The big debate in China is whether the country will be drawn into a conflict with the United States. Those who believe a conflict is inevitable believe that as soon as the United States shifts its focus from Islamic radicalism to China there is a strong possibility of trouble between the two countries.

"The first obligation of any state is to manage itself."
— *David Lampton*

Wang analyzed five aspects of U.S.-China relations: the international system, the economy, political and ideological problems, military expansion, and influence in Asia.

China is a member of several organizations in the international system, including the United Nations, World Bank, and World Trade Organization. China, as a member of these organizations, has not done much to generate dissention among itself and the United States nor has it created organizations that oppose those created by the United States.

China and the United States are economically linked and share more in common than many of the other countries that have relations with the United States.

Professor Li began the question and answer portion of the discussion by asking Lampton and Wang about their worst nightmares about U.S.-China relations. Lampton stated that economic slow down and the China-Taiwan dispute were his two worst fears.

Tense relations between China and Taiwan are also one of Wang's worst fears. He added that internal problems in China, such as human rights, disease, and drug trafficking, might cause trouble for the country on the world scene.

Wang stresses that China must be given time to sort out these problems: "If China is pushed too quickly things might be disastrous."

Berry focuses on acculturation

by Martin Connor '09
NEWS WRITER

John W. Berry, a professor of psychology at Queens University in Canada, visited Hamilton as part of the Levitt Center lecture series "Responsibilities of a Superpower" on Monday October 24. Berry's lecture, entitled "Acculturation: Living Successfully in Two Cultures," presented the methods and results of his thirteen country study on acculturation.

Berry describes acculturation as "the process of cultural and psychological change following contact among individuals who initially have different cultures." The term acculturation was created in colonial times by imperialist powers studying the effects of the intercultural environments they were creating in their colonies and has continued to be used in studying immigration and intercultural environments around the world.

The first part of Berry's lecture focused on answering several broad questions about the reestablishment of cultures, the consequences of cultural contact, and whether intercultural contact can have positive outcomes.

Berry stated that in order to successfully answer these questions one must examine, "the features of the dominant culture, the features of the non-dominant culture, the nature of the contact, whether it's enslavement, colonization, or immigration, and the changes in both cultures" that result from the contact.

The changes experienced in an intercultural environment range from behavioral, which includes foods, clothing and how people interact with one another, to substantial changes, such as religious and racial changes. Changes on an individual psychological level are also examined, including an individual's ability to manage his or her new life in an intercultural environment.

How people adapt is closely related to the "degree to which they wish to maintain their heritage culture and identity and the degree to which they want to reach out from their own community and be participants in the larger society." In this study, which focused largely on children, successful adaptation is measured by factors such as how well an individual is doing in a school environment or how well they have been able to interact socially with children of the dominant culture.

Berry believes there to be three types of countries with respect to intercultural environments. The first would be settler countries, those countries formed by settlers and built largely on immigration, such as the United States and Canada. The second would be former imperialist powers, such as Great Britain, whose intercultural environments are formed by two-way immigration between the country and its colonies. The third category is composed of countries that have only recently been exposed to immigration.

The study found that there are four main methods of adaptation.

The first group is called the Integration Group. This group includes individuals who identify with both their heritage culture and the dominant culture.

The second group is the Ethnic Group. Individuals in this category tend to reject the national culture and rely mainly on their own heritage culture.

The third group is the Diffuse Group. This group is characterized by rejection of both heritage culture and national culture.

The fourth group had the least individuals. It is the National Group, and includes those people who reject their heritage culture and embrace only the national, or dominant, culture.

Of the four groups the Integration Group by far displayed the most success in adaptation. Individuals in this category had the most success in developing healthy relationships, excelling in school and work, and were generally the happiest.

The lecture was attended by about 40 people, many of whom seemed to agree with Berry on the importance of studying intercultural adaptation in order to help facilitate acculturation in environments where it is, in fact, producing negative, and often violent, consequences.

Berry's study will be published this spring.

Relay for Life event could raise $15,000

Twelve Hour Walk will benefit ACS

by Kara Labs '09
NEWS WRITER

Approximately 400 students and community members comprising 36 teams will camp out in Margaret Bundy Scott Fieldhouse to participate in Relay for Life On Friday October 28. The participants will walk, run, or jog around the indoor track to help raise money for the American Cancer Society and celebrate those who survived cancer. Each team will keep a member on the track at all times. The first lap will be a survivors' lap for those in the community who have survived cancer. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening, run through the night, and end at 7:00 Saturday morning.

"This should be our biggest event to date and we hope to raise $15,000.00," said Zoe Baldwin '06, one of the event coordinators. Last year $11,392.92 was raised with about 250 participants.

Planning for this annual event starts in the summer and is organized by five coordinators: Baldwin, Rebecca Lee '06, Jessica Wagoner '06, Caitlin Connelly '07, and Tierney Boisvert '07. The coordinators' job is to recruit members, and it is up to the participants to raise the money. Participants have been collecting money online for the past month. Hamilton College has its own web page for the event, which allowed teams to register online.

Some of the teams that have been in the lead for fundraising are the women's hockey team, Team West, the women's basketball team, Cozz's Crusaders, and the Dance Team. The top five participants who have raised the most money are: Stephanie Ryder '09, Dale Scalise-Smith, Erin Daugherty '06, Sarah Levitan '08, and Nathan Vandergrift '08.

Relay for Life began in Tacoma, Washington, when Dr. Gordy Klatt walked around a track in May 1985 for 24 hours. He raised $27,000. The next year the event grew to 220 participants making up 19 teams and Relay for Life was born. Relay for Life is now the world's largest non-profit fundraising event.

Since 1946, the American Cancer Society has provided the latest cancer information, invested $2.5 billion in cancer research, and sponsored 31 Nobel Prize-winning scientists. The American Cancer Society provides services to survivors and their families at no cost.

Weekend considered a success

Close proximity to Fall Break was a concern of families

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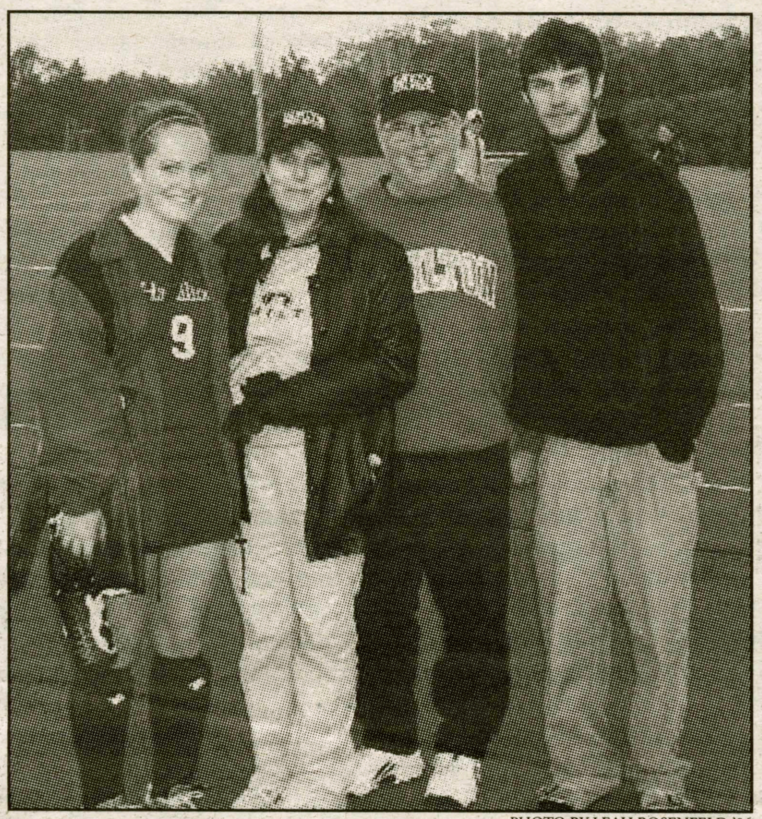

PHOTO BY LEAH ROSENFELD '06

The Sullivan parents attended a field hockey game over Family Weekend with their son, Brendan, who is a junior. Their daughter, Cassie, is a member of the team.

men's soccer team earned a 2-0 win against Vassar at Love Field with plenty of fan support.

The Division of Student Life hosted a complimentary breakfast in Commons on Saturday morning. Dean of Students Nancy Thompson and representatives from Campus Safety, the Career Center, Chaplaincy, Counseling Center, Residential Life, Student Activities, and the Adventure Program mingled with parents and answered questions. Families could also attend the Autumn Luncheon in Commons from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., featuring local foods. Family Dinner was offered in the evenings and featured roast beef, grilled salmon and the winning Apple Pie Bake-Off recipe. Bon Appetit also offered Sunday Brunch in Commons to visitors.

President Joan Hinde Stewart gave the State of the College Address at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning in Wellin Hall. More than 500 people attended the Address, which included remarks by President Stewart, the alumni fund video about Hamilton, and a question-and-answer session with members of the audience. "There was a very good turn-out," said Stewart.

The Career Center hosted information sessions for parents of seniors and non-seniors that followed the State of the College Address. Topics included techniques for finding employment, workshops, resources and gaining career related experiences.

The Clinton Historical Society was open for visitors and offered walking tours of the Village on Saturday afternoon. In addition, many families ventured down the Hill to go to the Clinton Cider Mill and stock up on preserves, cider and cinnamon cider mill donuts.

Parents had an opportunity to meet their children's instructors at the Faculty and and Family Reception, which was held in Beinecke. The event was hosted by President Stewart and attended by representatives from every department and hundreds of people.

In the evening, alumni of Adirondack Adventure 2005 brought their families to a slideshow of photos from the various trips.

There were several programs in the arts offered to visitors. The a capella concerts on Friday and Saturday night drew large crowds to the Chapel. Special K, The Hamiltones, Tumbling After and The Buffers performed. The Hamilton College Choir, College Hill Singers and dance students presented special performances on Friday night and Saturday afternoon to families. On Saturday evening, the Hamilton College Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble took centerstage in Wellin. Parents also had an opporutunity to see what happens behind the scenes: there was an open rehearsal for Shakespeare's "As You Like It" in Minor Theater on Friday afternoon.

The busy weekend also included events sponsored by Hillel, the Samuel Kirkland Film Society, the Afro-Latin Cultural Center, the Emerson Gallery, and the Chaplaincy.

This year, Family Weekend was held directly after Fall Break, which many students and families disliked. "There was concern," said President Stewart. "We do need to revisit the scheduling." There are many factors that are involved in scheduling Family Weekend, including the time in the semester, athletic events, Fallcoming, and weather.

Overall, Family Weekend was thought of as an enjoyable event for students, parents, family members and faculty. "I think it was wonderful," said President Stewart. "For me, it's a great pleasure to meet the families of students."

IVORY TOWERS

Yale bans drinking games, curtails tailgating for The Game

NEW HAVEN, Conn. -- Yale University is banning drinking games from this year's football game against Harvard and will shut down all tailgate parties after halftime, the latest rules aimed at preventing binge drinking outside one of college football's oldest rivalry games.

The Nov. 19 contest, known simply as "The Game," dates to 1875 and draws nearly as many fans outside the stadiums as inside. Students and alumni frequently fill U-Haul trucks with beer kegs, grills and hard alcohol and set up elaborate buffet spreads under party tents.

"Tailgating at 'The Game' is huge," said Yale senior Alan Kennedy-Shaffer. "Everyone will go to the tailgate and only some of them will go to the game. Some will stay at the tailgate until they get kicked out."

Some students and alumni said they worry the changes will hurt the character of a game that for many is a daylong family and class reunion. Tailgate parties come in all styles, with some catering to the domestic beer crowd and others offering champagne and shrimp cocktail.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush Stung As Miers Withdraws Nomination

WASHINGTON -- In a striking defeat for President Bush, White House counsel Harriet Miers withdrew her nomination to the Supreme Court on Thursday after three weeks of brutal criticism from fellow conservatives. The Senate's top Republican predicted a replacement candidate within days.

Miers said she abandoned her quest for confirmation rather than give in to Senate demands for documents and information detailing her private advice to the president.

Senior lawmakers on the Senate Judiciary Committee said they had made no such request. Instead, Republicans and Democrats said politics forced her to withdraw, particularly the demands of Republican conservatives who twice elected Bush and now seek to move the high court to the right on abortion and other issues.

"In effect, she was denied due process by members of her own party," said Sen. John Warner, a Virginia Republican.

Bush, beset by poor poll ratings, an unpopular war in Iraq, high energy prices and the possibility of indictments of White House officials, offered no hint about his thinking on a new nominee. He pledged to make an appointment in a "timely manner."

While White House aides had assembled a lengthy list of contenders prior to Bush's selection of Miers less than a month ago, most if not all of them were prominent conservative jurists who could be expected to trigger a sharp clash with Democrats. Other, less contentious contenders could come from outside what Bush calls the "judicial monastery," possibly a current or former senator who could easily win confirmation on a bipartisan vote.

Compiled by Matt Palascak '07

Future Commencements will be held indoors

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change. Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, Student Activities Director Lisa Magnarelli '96, College Marshal John O'Neill and Events Coordinator Sue Campanie were all involved in the Commencement decision. "I also consulted informally with several faculty members," said Bonham.

On Tuesday, October 11, members of the senior class delegation and Pentagon were invited to meet in Buttrick with Bonham and Campanie to discuss graduation plans. Bonham explained to the seniors the College's desire to eliminate the outdoor setup and the costs associated with having two setups for Commencement.

"At first, she laid it out and I think all of us were kind of shocked by it and upset," said senior class President Ashley Deline '06.

Bonham proceeded to explain the costs associated with the two setups to the senior representatives, and the decision was put into perspective for those present at the meeting. "There weren't too many questions after she laid out the infomation on how much money we waste on it each year, and that we could potentially be using that money for something better for the College," said Deline. "We couldn't possibly deny that."

David Chen '06 suggested that the senior class be able to use the money that is saved from not having the outdoor setup to hold a class event, a proposal that Bonham said she would consider. "We were all basically in agreement that it just seemed to make sense," said Jon Kuhl '06. "If the College is wasting money, then there are better places for those funds to go."

In addition, the seniors were not able to reverse the decision. "[Bonham] said she had already done it so we couldn't do anything about it really," said Deline. "She just wanted to inform us first so we could answer questions from any students who would possibly approach us."

The entire senior class was notified of the decision to have Commencement indoors in an e-mail sent by Bonham on Wednesday, October 12. The e-mail stated that "given the labor involved and substantial resources expended on two setups, and the unlikely chance that the event will take place outside, we have determined that it makes sense to eliminate the outdoors Commencement site beginning in 2006." It did not detail the exact costs associated with an additional setup.

"I think students are upset," said Deline, who noted that she knows some seniors who are starting a petition to bring back the outdoor option for Commencement. "The fact is that most of the people that are upset don't fully understand why there was no outdoor setup. I think the students that are upset don't understand how much money we waste each year on it. It's somewhat frivolous."

The Commencement Committee will continue to work on preparations for Commencement 2006. The Committee is chaired by Bonham and includes over thiry individuals representing staff, faculty and students. "I have always been extraordinarily impressed by how well our College community comes together for the benefit of our graduating seniors and their families," said Bonham. It is estimated that 4500 people attend Commencement in any given year.

This decision will affect future Commencement ceremonies. "Our intention is to carry this change into the future," said Bonham.

Preparing for the worst case scenario

by Eric Kuhn '09
NEWS WRITER

In a year of record hurricanes, natural disasters, and bomb threats, are Oneida County and Hamilton College ready for possible emergencies?

Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Dennis, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harvey, Irene, Jose, Katrina, Lee, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Philippe, Rita, Stan, Tammy, Vince, and Wilma.

If you haven't figured it out yet, these are not the names of bad roommates or simply the efforts of a *Spectator* writer trying to waste space. No, these are the names now associated with some of the most severe, fatal, and costly hurricanes in our nation's history. And that's all. There are no more names on the official list put out by the National Weather Service. The next hurricane, already starting to brew like coffee at Opus, will start with a letter found on some fraternity or sorority homes: Alpha.

This year has been considered the worst year for hurricanes in recent memory. Alpha will break records, by being the twenty-second hurricane of the season, which still has a month remaining. The aftermath of these storms is felt everywhere. The hurricanes ripped open homes, displaced families and could fundamentally change the way the American government handles natural disasters.

Here to Stay

On October 7, 2005, the House Science Committee, chaired by Congressman Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), heard testimony from the directors of the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center. Their testimony stated that this year's boost in hurricane activity will last for another 10 to 20 years.

According to the witnesses, the increase in hurricane activity can be attributed to a natural 25-40 year cycle. This cycle is even more dangerous now, than in past years because more people are residing in coastal areas that are susceptible to flooding and the affects of hurricanes.

"In the last six weeks we saw two of the strongest hurricanes ever recorded in the Gulf of Mexico," said Vernon Ehlers (R-MI), the chair of the Environment, Technology, and Standards Subcommittee. "Since this is part of a trend of increased hurricane activity that will likely continue for another two decades, it is urgent for us to understand hurricane forecasting and what future hurricane seasons may hold."

Houston, Tampa Bay, southwestern Florida, the Florida Keys, southeastern Florida, New York City, Long Island, and New England are all especially vulnerable to hurricane disasters, according to General David Johnson, Director of the National Weather Service (NWS) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Planning for the worst

There might never be a final verdict in the blame game that followed Hurricane Katrina. One fact is very clear, though: when disaster struck in New Orleans, the United States government was not prepared. Disaster recovery plans are now being reviewed across the nation in light of recent disasters.

In New York state, "disaster preparedness begins and ends at the lowest level of government," according to Marc Alvord, the Deputy Director of Emergency Services for Oneida County. In the case of an emergency, it would be the responsibility of the Town of Clinton to respond. If the problem is larger than Clinton can handle, the Town of Kirkland or Oneida County will step in to help out the town.

"Every year, we go through a process to evaluate what has occurred in the past and what will happen in the future," said Alvord, who spends a good portion of his time focusing on the weather. Emergency Services for Oneida County is in constant contact with the National Weather Service. Alvord was "keeping an eye on rain turning into snow; with that comes down power lines [and] car accidents."

Alvord was hesitant when asked how confident he felt about the county's preparedness for a disaster. "Until you really have to do that [put the plans into effect], you never know how good your plans are." He added that Oneida County does "have some written plans in place. I don't want to say we are not prepared, but we have plans in place for most events."

Major evacuation plans are very hard to practice. "No one has really exercised [the plan] to evacuate the city of Utica," said Alvord. "But how could you really?" In addition, funds are not set aside for huge types of drills.

Hamilton College has its own disaster recovery plan, which is detailed in a 150-page document and overseen by Brian Hansen, the Director of Environmental Protection and Safety.

There are plans in those pages for everything ranging from a chemical spill in a science lab to bomb threats, earthquakes to suspected atomic material on campus, and even a plane crash on campus. In the case of an emergency, Hamilton has affiliations with local and county officials.

The College is prepared for three different levels of disasters. Level 1 is everyday incidents that can be taken care of with some simple training. An example of this is a small chemical drop on a table that can be cleaned by the professor.

Level 2 is when a room or building needs to be evacuated. These incidents are more serious and range from fires to chemical spills that need to be secured quickly via locking the room tight. Here, College and/or local authorities are called in to deal with the situation.

A Level 3 disaster would necessitate an evacuation of part or all of the campus. The campus would quickly be turned over to the FBI, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the federal government. Students would be evacuated to St. Mary's Church or Clinton High School. Hamilton passed with flying colors in a recent surprise government inspection that lasted two days.

The most routine problems Hansen is faced with are the 2-3 feet of snow dumped on campus. While Hansen admits that what he does, "is under the radar for most people," he believes it is important for members of the Hamilton community to know that the College is prepared to handle any emergency.

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For more information on Hamilton's emergency response procedures, visit www.hamilton.edu/college/personnel/emergency.html.

Water violates EPA limit

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the higher-than average temperatures experienced in the region this summer and the type of disinfection currently used by MVWA. Because Hamilton is located far away from the filtration plant where the water is chlorinated, the water has a higher risk of contamination.

"The problem is that Hamilton College buys its water from basically the tail end of the system, so the water sits in the pipes for the longest amount of time possible," said Robertaccio. "It then goes through a dedicated pipe to Hamilton College, which is around 2 miles long, which means it sits in the pipe for an extra day."

"Their formation is a function of time," added Steve Bellona, Hamilton College Vice President for Facilities and Planning. "Since we have storage capacity in our 1,000,000 gallon closed tank, we are required to maintain a chlorine residual in our tests and thus we inject chlorine before we store it in our tank."

According to Robertaccio, by injecting more chlorine into the water at Hamilton to keep the water sanitary, a necessary step, the College makes the problem worse because the additional chlorine reacts with organic matter to form additional THM.

Robertaccio explained that the city of Utica's water contained lower levels of THM than Hamilton's over the past

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Lowering the drinking age discussed at *Binge* lecture

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tous." This increase in technology, however, is detrimental to personal relations, with college students today unable to communicate with one another on a person to person level. The problem of present students failure to communicate with fellow peers translates over into their inability to resolve disputes, exemplified by the University of Berkley's need for 300 peer facilitators in order to resolve students' roommate problems.

The recruitment of multicultural students has increased on campuses since the 1960s, yet students tend to isolate themselves in clusters, which in turn creates disconnect among the student body. Many college students graduate college with no exposure to people dissimilar to themselves. Seaman suggests that colleges need to use the benefits of diversity better, in a way that naturally brings the entire student body together.

Seaman describes modern American society as a "society of specialists," with the increased structure and compartmentalization of peoples lives. Seaman carries this analysis further by declaring that in college this "specialization continues." Stress and anxiety are prevalent in society and students bring this cultural anxiety to college.

Seaman suggests that all this tension and pressure contributes to intense and excessive drinking. Drinking becomes a way to self-medicate oneself and turns into a type of reward system. Interestingly, the word "pregaming" did not even exist prior to 1989. In the 1960s, it was extremely rare to be hospitalized for alcohol detoxification, which continues to increase among college students at today's schools.

Seaman points to the 21-year-old drinking age limitation as a contributor to the increase in college students' alcohol abuse and advocates returning to the 18-year-old drinking age. The three-day-weekend with many students opting out of Friday classes is a product of, and contributor to, this abusive alcoholic culture.

In 2001, Barrett Seaman lived in Rogers dorm, enabling him, unlike professors and administrators, to experience the after hours of collegiate life.

He also suggests that the "disconnection between faculty and students" contributes to this excessive tendency. Although he declares that Hamilton is "on the best side of this" he believes that there is still a large polarization between the students and the professors.

The disintegration of this relationship lies within the collapse of the "teaching triad," which advocates the importance of scholarship and service. Service and teaching are now seen as not as important as a professor's scholarship.

Another change in collegiate life discussed was the change in the structure of colleges. Today, colleges are highly structured, specifically student affairs, and Seaman suggests this prevents students from growing up.

Seaman's lecture was supplemented with panelists that discussed issues in Seaman's book. Those partaking in the panel were Dean of Students Nancy Thompson and Margaret Thickstun, the Elizabeth J. McCormack Professor of English. Bonnie Urciuoli, professor of anthropology, moderated the panel discussion.

Thompson declared that Seaman's book raises "important issues in higher education today;" however, she believes that the vast majority of Hamilton students are able to navigate well through the collegiate system and succeed. Thompson retorted that the administration does not inhibit the growth of students but facilitates this process.

Thickstun declared that the "21-drinking-age is a terrible mistake," and agreed with Seaman on the need to lower the drinking age to 18. However, she disagreed with the implication that change in technological advancement is negative; rather, she believes it has facilitated a connection between different kinds of communities, specifically cell phone usage.

She described Seaman's sense of necessary community as not always "necessarily healthy."

There was a lively and informative discussion afterwards where students and professors proposed questions to Seaman and the panel.

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Family weekend is an enjoyable event for students, parents, siblings and, for some, grandparents. Many make the trek to Hamilton to see the College in session and get a more in-depth picture than is possible during the two days at the beginning and the end of the semester when students move in.

For many students, a highlight of Family Weekend is Saturday's Faculty and Family Reception, held this year in the Barn and the Annex. While many of the events scheduled for the weekend allow our families to see how we live, how we eat and how we socialize, the reception gives students an opportunity to introduce those we love to those that have the most direct impact on our education: our professors. Ideally, the Family and Faculty Reception should be one of the most valuable aspects of the entire weekend.

Unfortunately, this was not the case for all students. Many Hamilton students and their families were terribly disappointed to find that their professors were not in attendance at the Faculty and Family Reception. Not only is this embarrassing for the individual professors, it is embarrassing for the College as well. Any family that has been through a tour of Hamilton or has read the material produced by the Admissions office knows how much the College stresses its low faculty to student ratio and the intimate, personal connections students will make with their professors. With a large number of professors absent on Saturday, they made the Admissions pamphlets look like lies.

No, professors aren't required to attend the Reception. They shouldn't have to be required. It should be understood by our faculty that events such as these, that seem to reflect the essence of a small liberal arts college with an emphasis on personal interaction, hold a great significance. Unfortunately, not all of our professors realize that.

It's sad to say, but if professors aren't motivated enough to come to the Reception of their own free will, then the administration should make it mandatory. This is the one opportunity students have to introduce their loved ones to the professors they have been hearing so much about over the phone and via e-mail. For professors to shirk their responsibilities and not show up, is simply a shame and shows that, apparently, it's not just a select group of students who fail to understand the mission of Hamilton. No, that group includes some of our professors as well.

The Spectator hopes that professors will shape up and decide to show up next year. And if they don't, we strongly encourage the College to act on this.

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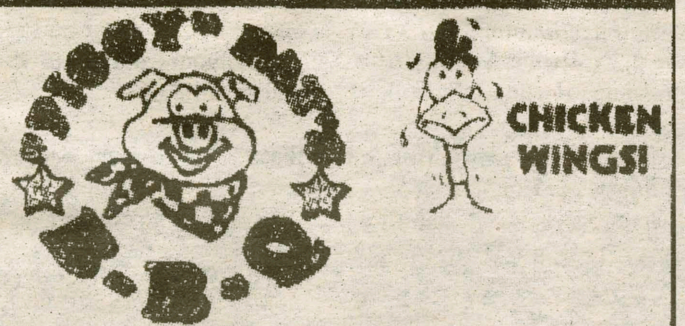

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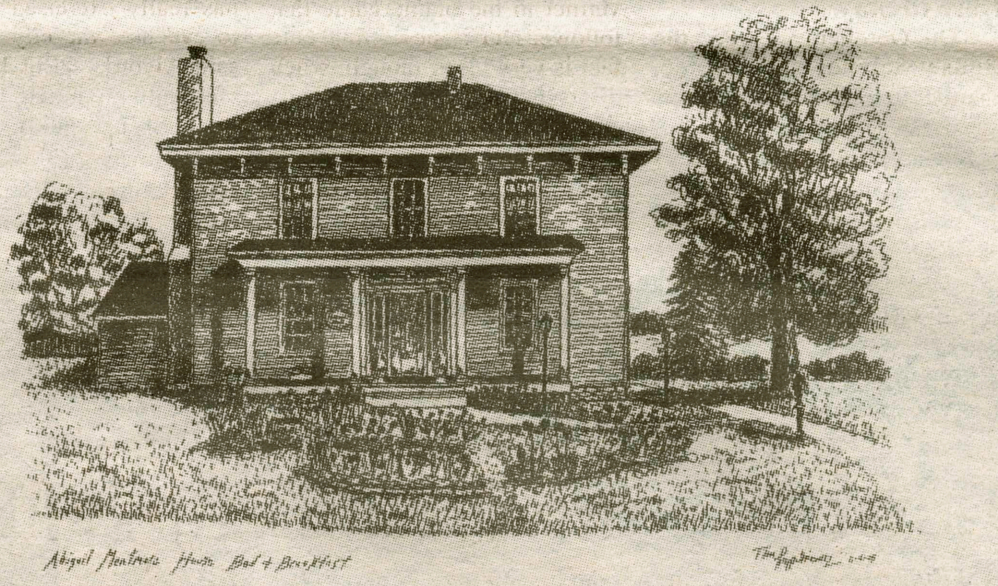

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THM contamination resulted from temperature and time

*from **Water**, page 4*

year, even thought it derived from the same source, because the city is located closer to the filtration plant. The longer the water spends in pipes and open reservoirs exposed to organic material, the greater the opportunity for the formation of THM.

Officials said that warm summer temperatures always increase the levels of THM in the water, but that this summer's unusually high temperatures exacerbated the problem.

"Chemical reactions occur more rapidly at higher temperatures than they do at colder temperatures," said MVWA Executive Director Patrick Bechers. "We do expect that this problem will subside and will be much, much lower as the water temperature decreases."

The Health Department measured 180 parts per billion of THM on August 10, 78 parts pei billion higher than during any other test over the last year, Robertaccio said. In addition to the high temperature, he attributed the rapid increase to the decreased water consumption at the College over the summer months.

Officials also attributed the contamination to the MVWA's use of gaseous chlorine dissolved in the water as a disinfectant. MVWA has plans to switch over to the use of chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia that would be chemically mixed into the water.

Officials said this disinfection process would not result in the formation of THM.

"Over the last couple of years, we've spent a considerable sum of money and expect to spend millions in the coming years, and one of those changes is altering our entire disinfection system," Becher said. "It is in our plans to make alterations, and when we're through doing that the travel time of the water will be much less important than it is today."

"When they change their treatment system, probably the entire problem will disappear at Hamilton College because it's a different chemical that is used just for this," Robertaccio said. "They use chloramines to prevent the formation of THM."

The MVWA is taking other measures that could decrease future risk of contamination.

"Also, the Mohawk Valley Water Authority is planning on building water tanks to replace their open reservoirs," said Robertaccio. "They have almost no carbon coming in when the water comes out of their filtration plant, but when it comes through a system of open reservoirs, it picks up carbon."

Becher explained that the contamination does not pose a health risk to those consuming the water.

"The real danger with something in this category is from long term exposure in high levels, and this does not constitute that," he said. "This doesn't pose a significant health threat."

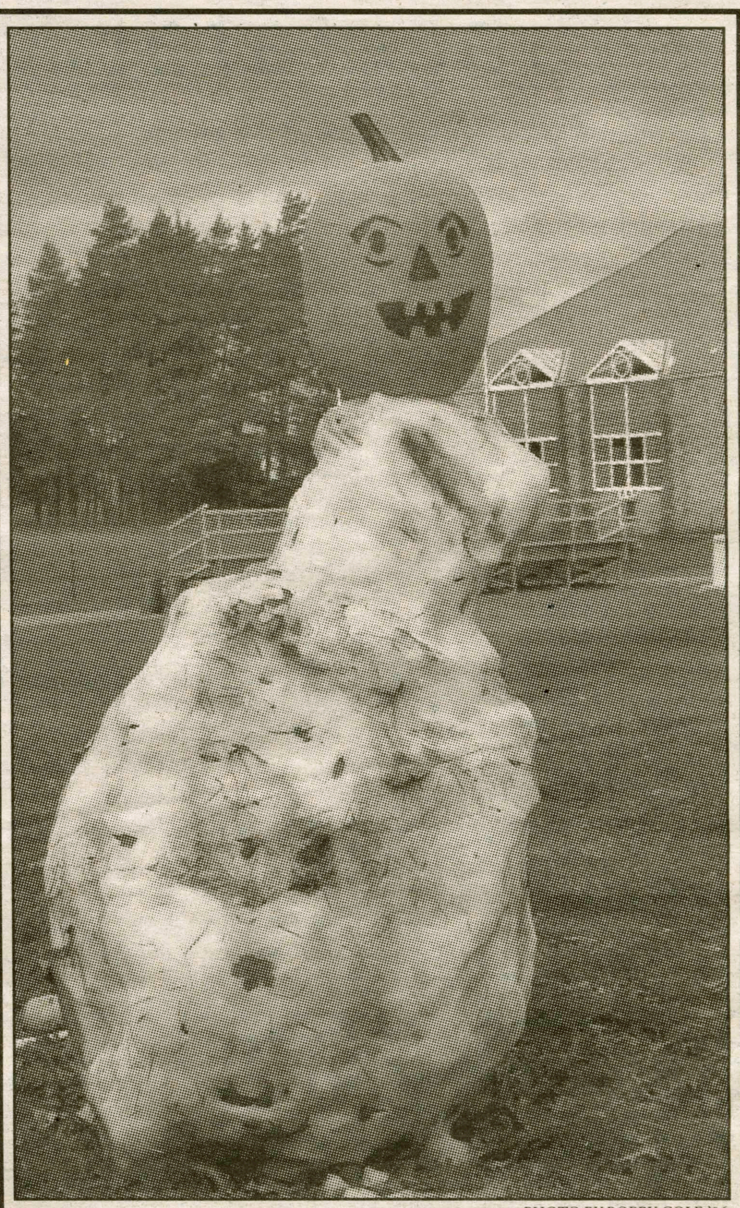
"If you have these levels for 30 years, then you might have some level of concern from what we understand," added Robertaccio. "Having it for a one to two year period, the issue becomes very remote. It's not good, but there are a lot of things that are more of a problem."

Officials expect the levels of THM in Hamilton's water to decrease as fall and winter set in. The next quarterly test will be conducted in approximately two weeks, according to Philip Tangorra, a Research Scientist at MVWA.

According to Robertaccio, who wrote the letter notifying College officials of the contamination on September 22, the College was only required to put out a public notification by November 1.

"Our immediate response was to review our tests, contact the Oneida County Health Department and work with them on our required actions, determine the extent of the issue, make initial assessments of our alternatives, insure the letter to the water users provided the necessary information required by law and then publish," said Bellona.

Bellona notified the College community by e-mail on October 13.



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Students got into the festive spirit after a brief preview of what the winter season might hold. This pumpkin snowman appeared outside of Dunham on Wednesday morning after Tuesday's brief snowstorm.

The College has been in consultation with the Oneida County Health Department and the Florida Center for Public Management. According to Bellona, the College does not currently have a timetable for addressing the issue, but will continue to do regular testing and provide updated reports to the College community.

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Hamilton students need more Halloween spirit

by Meghan Pollak '08
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

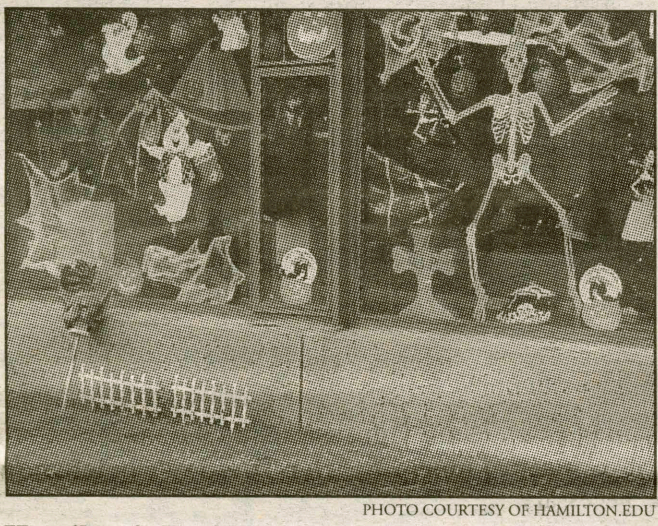
Some of you may remember a possessed red-eyed girl dressed in a bloody wedding gown gliding about campus last Halloween. She kind of stood out amongst the cheerleaders, play boy bunnies, and slutty angels at the drunken holiday frat parties. You could hear her bloodcurdling shrieks and see her writhing in agony on Martin's Way as you walked innocently to the diner for some late night hash browns. Did this girl's gory outfit and psychotic behavior scare the hell out of you? Good! That's what Halloween is all about.

Instead of finding a satanic demon behind those red eyes and tattered veil, you'd only find me, an average Hamilton College student. Normally, I wear whatever clothes I find strewn about my floor, but around this time of year I find it empowering to dress as a minion of death. It's not because I am a disciple of the devil, but simply because I find that people's reactions toward a scary costume are hilarious.

If you want to see a twenty-one year old foot ball player fall over backwards in absolute terror, just slap a little fake blood on your face and moan eerily as you drift by his shivering clump of a body.

I think we all need to raise our spirits and act a little livelier, or deadlier depending on how you look at it, in honor of this great holiday. Forget your midterms and mundane social events for a little while; scare people, dress in costumes, carve pumpkins, adorn your room with those fake cotton spider webs, and, of course, gorge your face with ridiculous amounts of candy and pumpkin bread! Take full advantage of fall since we know that in less than a month those ominous gusts of chilly wind will only escalate until they strip the trees bare and transform campus into tundra.

With the help of one of my favorite professors, Visiting Professor of History Hans Broedel, I've dug up some information regarding the holiday and how best to demonstrate your Halloween zeal. First of all, the origins of Halloween stem from All Souls Day. Celebrated on November 2, a day after All Saints Day, All Soul's Day is the day when the living speed their deceased relatives' exits from purgatory by praying and partaking in community service. Although purgatory seems like a harmless transition realm, according to Broedel, maniacal demons reigned the land torturing their helpless victims. Kids even reaped the benefits of All Soul's Day by traveling from door to door dressed up as ghosts offering their prayers to a family's dead ones in exchange for soul cakes. This practice, known as souling, evolved into what we know as trick-or-treating.



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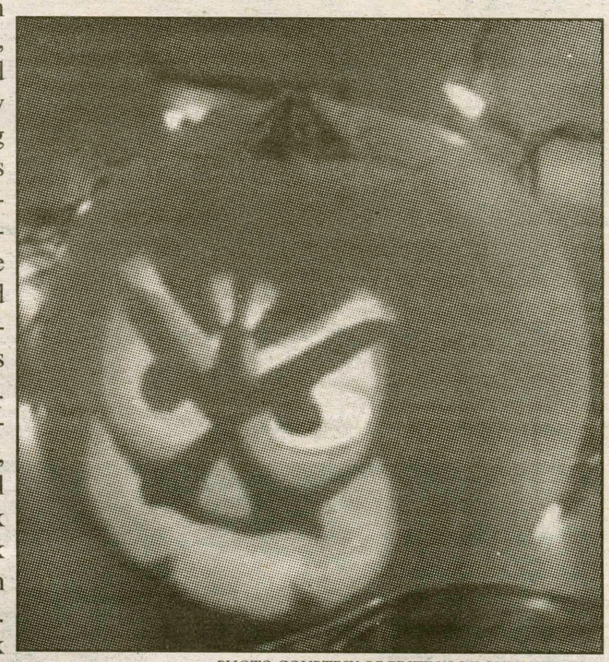
Hamilton's Residential Life Office decorates its windows at Halloween.

Why do we carve faces in pumpkins and call them Jack anyway? Even though we find no real use in pumpkin lanterns, for Jack, his lantern serves as his only comfort as he rambles through the outer most realm of hell. Good ol' Jack goes down in history for being the worst sinner of all times. Not only did he indulge in gambling, prostitution, stealing, and excessive eating, he sold his soul to the devil for seven perfect years. After those seven good years, Jack evaded his fate by challenging the devil's powers saying he believed the devil could not miniaturize his own body. Being somewhat dense, the devil fell for the trick and Jack trapped him in a glass jar. Once Jack died naturally, neither God nor the devil, who after much frustration finally escapesdthe jar, accepted his presence in their kingdoms. Since the devil respected Jack for his trickery, however, he gave him a piece of hell in a carved out turnip so Jack had light and comfort while wandering through limbo. Ironically, when we place pumpkins in our windows we show our respect for possibly the worst person ever to live.



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The carving of jack-o-lanterns at Halloween originated from the story of Jack, a sinner who tricked the devil.

Broedel says in order to celebrate Halloween like the ancient Celts one should partake in a little divination. In those days maidens discovered their soul mates by sticking their underwear on clothes lines and leaving them out until morning. The patterns of dew left on the fabric indicated the appearance and personality of their mates. Since we use washers and driers on campus instead of clothes lines, I recommend using Tarot cards for looking into the future. I use the standard Celtic wait deck, which can be found at any Barnes and Nobel or Borders.

Now that you know more about the basics of Halloween, go out there and practice it! Forget your dignity and run around like a crazy person. That's what I'm going to do. Keep a look out for a possessed fallen angel next Monday night. I presume she will be easy to spot.

Thumbs up

- Taking gym senior year to better your game with freshmen.

- Six parties this weekend. What is this? 1995?

- "Get Drunk with your Professor Night." Making the walk of shame that much more awkward.

- "Binge." Proving that if you work really hard in school, you'll become an alcoholic.

- "How Stella Got Her Groove Back."

Thumbs down

- Away messages about snow. Real cool until you realize it won't leave until May.

- Dudes on the Stairmaster. Come on guys, I thought we learned this lesson last year with the ellipticals.

- Sweatpants and sweatshirts don't hide the damage from the ice cream bar when they are on my floor.

- The Jitney schedule: About as dependable as the Pub's hours on a Saturday night.

by Jesse Gaylord '06, Jason Thomas '06, Whitney Bull '06 and Daniel Horowitz '06

Who cares

- White Sox: the first good thing to come out of Chicago since, well, forever...

- Astros: Barbara Bush was rooting for them. Enough said.

- Hogwarts at Hamilton: If you like role-playing, I have some great costumes in my room...

- The start of swim season. We didn't like drinking with you anyway.

- "Soulplane."

Left! Right! Hamilton Let's Fight!

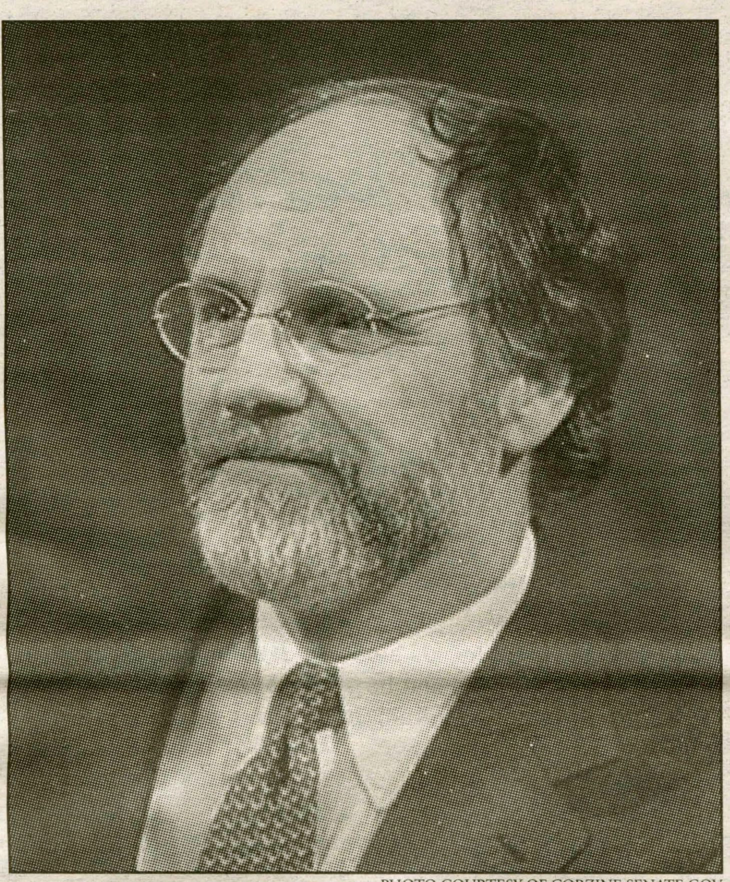
Special Election Issue: New Jersey governor's race

by Nicholas Berry '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Lately, it seems that the Garden State has become the nation's new hotspot for corrupt politics. Last year, New Jersey Governor James McGreevey resigned after acknowledging he had had an affair with a man he had placed on the state's payroll. Other recent scandals involved South Jersey Democratic political leader George Norcross, who was investigated by state officials in a corruption probe, and Democratic Party fund-raiser Charles Kushner, who was sentenced to two years in prison for campaign-finance violations. But, if you think New Jerseyans are done with hearing about negative politics, think again. With a November 8th gubernatorial election quickly approaching, New Jersey television has been hijacked by attack ads sponsored by the state's two candidates for governor. To make matters worse, the two candidates have plenty of money to spend on these ads because both are millionaires: the Democratic candidate, U.S. Senator Jon Corzine, is the former CEO and chairman of Goldman-Sachs, while the Republican candidate, Doug Forrester, is the owner of a successful prescription-drug benefits company.

When Corzine first entered the race, he had a comfortable 22 point leader over Forrester. Now, the latest polls show that he is only ahead by a slim 7 points. Why is a Democrat only narrowly beating a Republican in the very blue state of New Jersey, where President Bush lost by a half-million votes in 2000 and a quarter-million votes in 2004? Well, I'm no political analyst, but my answer to this question is that voters don't know where either candidate stands on the issues. Neither candidate is using their millions to sell their agendas. Instead, they've focused their resources on negative attack ads. Corzine has already spent over $24 million on his campaign, but Forrester comes in at a close second by spending over $21 million. What's the result of all this spending? Each candidate has told voters why they shouldn't vote for their opponent, but they haven't told New Jerseyans why they deserve their vote. Of course, you can't put all the blame on the candidates. After all, studies show that voters remember negative ads much better than they recall positive ones.

So, what's my point? I'm merely suggesting that U.S. politics is more about name-calling than it is about governing. Both Democrats and Republicans spend too much time blaming or attacking the other side and not enough time trying to work together to solve problems. If politicians spent as much time discussing the challenges we are facing, seeking innovate solutions to our problems, and compromising with the other side as they did complaining and pointing fingers, then America would probably in a much better state than it is now. I may be an idealist, but elections should be about picking the most qualified candidate with the best plan for the future, not constant character attacks. Furthermore, negative politics is the reason why voters are indifferent or hostile towards politics. It is not surprising that Americans have such a terrible voting record if you consider the current political climate. Politicans don't try to give the country hope or direction any more. They certainly don't openly debate the issues. Instead, they attack each other and try to scare their constituents into voting for them. That's an okay strategy if you're on "Survivor," but it's not a particularly effective game plan for running the world's most powerful nation. Americans must demand more from them.



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Jon Corzine, currently U.S. Senator from New Jersey, is running as the Democratic candidate in the New Jersey special election for governor.

Who do I think should be the next governor of New Jersey? After carefully analyzing the positions of both candidates, I feel that Corzine is best suited for the position of governor. In the Senate, Corzine helped curb corporate fraud, secure chemical plants that were vulnerable to terrorist attack, establish significant environmental protections, reverse cuts in student loan programs, promote financial literacy for children, and provide better housing and medical opportunities for veterans, senior citizens, and the poor. He has also tried to institute taxes that forced big business to participate in "corporate welfare," such as reinstating the tax on petrochemical companies to fund hazardous waste site cleanups. In addition, Corzine has the best plans for reducing New Jersey's high property taxes, attracting businesses to the state, improving Garden State homeland security, and providing New Jersey with a more solid health care system.

by Scott Iseman '07
Insights & Ideas Writer

Come November 8th, the election that will be most closely watched is between Jon Corzine and Doug Forrester for Governor of New Jersey. You may be asking yourself how in the world the gubernatorial race in New Jersey could become a national issue. The answer is in the polls, where somehow Forrester, the Republican candidate, has made the race a statistical dead heat in a traditionally Blue state. The sudden rise of Forrester's approval is no anomaly and has brought the election national attention. The people of New Jersey are tired of the corruption and scandals continuously created by Democratic policy makers and are seeing more evidence every day that Corzine will follow this trend. Additionally, this election will give both political parties some indication of their national performance.

In a race like this, both candidates are viciously attacking one another on issues like tax cuts and stem cell research. If one looks past the political rhetoric and campaign strategies, the true candidates can be clearly seen. Corzine is the former CEO and Chairmen of Goldman Sachs. He served as a reservist in the Marine Corps during the 1970's, and he is currently a US Senator for New Jersey. This all looks and sounds very impressive, but that is the way a candidate's resume always looks. The question is if his actions and future plans are just as impressive, and in this case, the answer is no.

Corzine is too closely connected and has been involved in too many corrupt dealings to be considered a trustworthy candidate. One example of his less than dignified dealings was when he loaned $470,000 to a former girlfriend, who happened to be the leader of the powerful state worker's union, Communications Workers for America. Soon there after, Corzine received their endorsement during his campaign for U.S. Senate (and the loan never had to be paid back). Aware of the stigma of corruption that is plaguing him and his party, Corzine has indicated he would support an elected comptroller, rather than an appointed one, to limit the corrupt spending practices. Beyond that, Corzine has realistic plans to fix New Jersey, and his plans for education, healthcare and other problem areas would call for more taxes to be imposed on one of the most taxed populations in the country.

Looking at the Republican candidate, Doug Forrester, we see a man who founded Benecard Services, Inc. and served as the mayor of West Windsor, NJ. He has also served as the Assistant State Treasurer and Pension Director for New Jersey. Once again, we see the resume of a qualified candidate who appears fit for the job. This time, however, the plans and actions are realistic and tangible. Forrester wants to take New Jersey back from the corruption and scandal that has plagued it for too long. He plans to cut taxes to free businesses and people from the grips of the high taxes imposed by party bosses and machine candidates of the past. The 30% cuts may seem extreme, but what is truly extreme is that New Jersey has the highest property tax rates in the nation and for no good reason. The people of New Jersey will be able to afford Forrester's other plans even with this tax cut because state spending will no longer be controlled by a corrupt political machine. Unnecessary spending will be eliminated, and the state will become more efficient.

Now that Forrester is being seen for the legitimate candidate and is seriously threatening Democratic control of New Jersey, this race is evolving into an evaluation of the national political parties. Both sides are bringing in the political celebrities to endorse their campaign. Bill and Hillary Clinton, Rudy Giuliani, and John McCain have all endorsed their parties' candidates. Aside from Bill, the rest are prospective presidential candidates who are getting media exposure and wracking up an invaluable number of favors that will be cashed in later. Either Doug Forrester or Jon Corzine will have to return the favor by doing their fair share of endorsements, fund raising, and campaigning come 2008.

This election is more important than it looks and will certainly have consequences that spread beyond the state lines of New Jersey. If Forrester pulls off the upset and wins making New Jersey a possible swing state, it will be interesting to see the implications that will have on the presidential election in 2008.

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Doug Forrester, the Republican candidate for the New Jersey gubernatorial race, is giving the Democratic candidate a run for his money.

Advice column: Dear Hamilton Helper

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I can't help but notice that it has snowed, and it is still October. I'm from New England, but even I think that's a little crazy. How can I deal with the fact that I'm slowly realizing that soon I will be confined indoors and the temperature will become subzero?

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Fearful of Fall Flurries

Dear Fearful,

If you're from New England, then imagine the surprise of those that have never seen snow before. The fact of the matter is that while snow is a lot of fun, it also means we're probably in for a harsh winter. My suggestion would be to enjoy the outdoors while you can, learn how to do a winter sport and buy a really awesome ski jacket because you're going to need it. You can also occupy your time by getting your dorm to plan a really awesome snow fort from which you can lay siege to neighboring dorms.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I am becoming increasingly upset by the fact that Halloween is coming up, and yet I am "too old" to trick or treat. Suddenly, I feel as if I've left my childhood behind. Is there anything I can do to enjoy Halloween without getting made fun of?

Have to Have Halloween

Dear Halloween,

If you really want to celebrate you can still decorate your dorm for Halloween. There is also nothing wrong with wearing a Halloween costume around. It can be just an accessory or the whole costume. If people end up thinking you're weird, they probably are just secretly wishing they could run up to doors and get free candy. If you can't live without trick or treating, then go into town at about five and knock on doors asking for candy after class. If people ask what you're costume is, tell them that you're really seven and posing as a college student– that, or claim that you're Lord Imbob from that really popular movie everyone is talking about. They'll probably just nod and give you free candy.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

My parents brought up all my winter things and other accessories that I left at home over Parent's Weekend. The problem is that I can't find space in my room to put it all. What can I do to make it all fit because right now it's lying in my closet?

Must Manage Mess

Dear Manage,

First of all, your parents won't be coming up until they get you for Thanksgiving break, so its not like you need to have an immaculate room for them. If you really can't stand the clutter then reorganize. Just because your room has been a certain way for a couple months doesn't mean it has to stay that way forever. If you really need room you could always just shove everything under your bed or just put the pile on your roommate's bed. I'm sure he/she won't mind.

What's Your Favorite Scary Movie?

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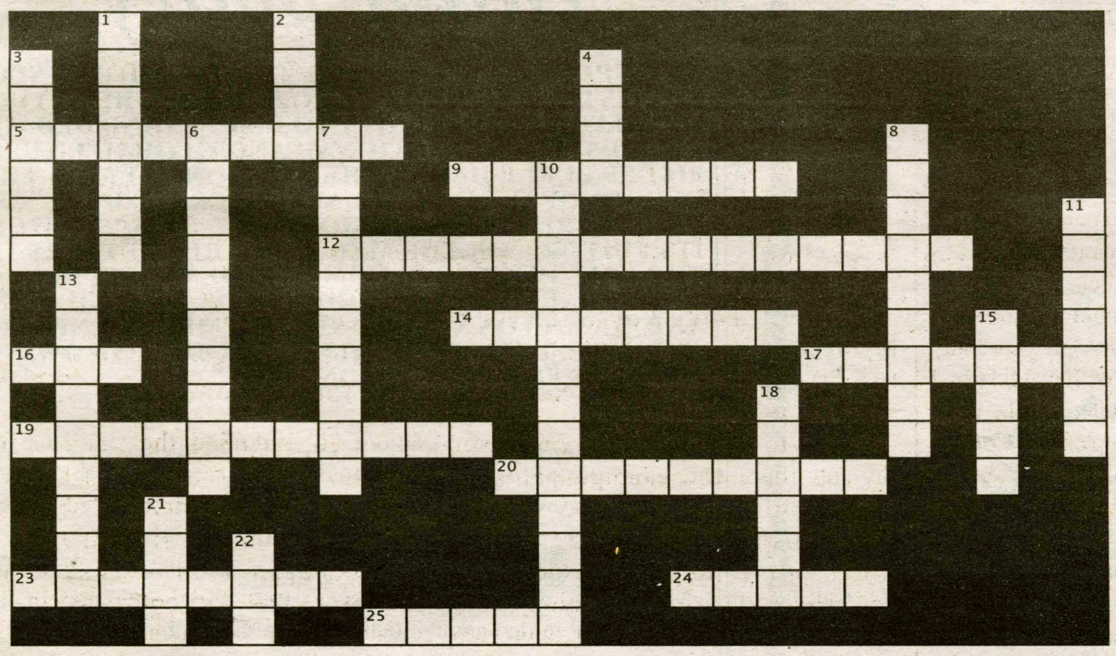

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by Rebecca Grusky '06

The Word: Underage drinking

by Andrew Whalen '08
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To my generation, the establishment of a 21 year-old drinking age has become foundation. The Man has so ingrained the idea in the collective conscious that it now seems unquestionable and permanent. Yet, the National Minimum Drinking Age Act was not enacted until 1984, and some states held out until '87. The 21-year age barrier is, therefore, a demonstrably recent tread. Plus, because the age limit is not national law, but rather legislative bullying shaping the policy of individual states, it is a law that is more easily changed than many youth think.

There are many good reasons why a younger drinking age would be more effective. In other countries (The United States is one of five countries with a drinking age as high as 21), younger drinking ages lead to more responsible use of alcohol. Instead of being trained by parties, youth are taught proper alcohol habits in a family situation. There is also the valid argument that 18 year-olds are deemed capable to vote and be drafted and therefore are full citizens who deserve full rights.

Interestingly, while many youth desire a lower drinking age, according to research, few are willing to do anything about it. Perhaps it is the mentality that if they just wait a few years, then the time will soon pass. Certainly, no 22-year-olds are going to be out rallying for alcohol-age reform. It is almost as if the drinking age has remained high not because of support (although MADD wants the age raised to 25), but because of a lack of resistance. Thus, active political action seems largely out of the question.

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Many college students think that the drinking age should be 18 instead of 21.

The only solution is a more passive resistance in the form of Underage Drinking Day. To be held on May 25, 2006, Underage Drinking Day could soon become a well-known illegitimate holiday, much like the popular Talk Like a Pirate Day. I chose the date because it is the day before my 21st birthday; however, one could also interpret it as the day that the Constitutional Convention convened, the Scopes Trail began, or Oscar Wilde was charged with "committing acts of gross indecency with other male persons." Pick whichever interpretation most resonates with your personal ideology.

Of course, creating a day that openly promotes getting krunked is a self-defeating campaign. Instead of getting soaked, Underage Drinking Day would encourage every person from 16 to 20 to discuss drinking with their parents and then have a drink with them. Except for a few states, drinking is allowed with the permission and presence of a parent. In some states, this applies only to private residence, in other states one may drink with a parent in a restaurant, as long as the drink is first handed to the adult. As such, on May 25th parents should be encouraged to eat out and buy their child a drink or two. The next day, parent and child should sit down and write their congressmen. They can describe their experience. Explain to Senator Stodgypants that you drank, even though you are only 20! Tell him that you did not get jugged, Smurfed, pie-eyed, pissed, or potted, but instead had fruitful conversation with your parents.

By bringing Underage Drinking Day to the masses, you would have an instant movement. All it would take is a website, a few clever and cheap t-shirts, and a focused advertising campaign. It's a guaranteed brush-fire idea. I address you because I could not hope to do this. I don't have the organizational or technical savvy. Yet, this seems like a powerful demonstration that is easy enough that people could get behind it, if only someone spread the word. Even if the campaign fails to lower the drinking age, it could do nothing less than spread awareness of drinking and promote more openness within families. Who knows what exciting secrets and hidden skeletons could come out when one consumes alcohol with his/her own parents! I offer the idea for free, in the hope that some picks up the yoke I am too weak to bear. Someone run with this. Of course, if I got a kickback from t-shirt sales, I wouldn't complain.

Misconceptions about "Money Ball"

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"Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game" by Michael Lewis was published in 2003. The book examines the ability of the Oakland Athletics to field playoff caliber baseball teams year after year without the massive payroll of a big market team.

Lewis focuses the book on members of the A's organization, including players Scott Hatteberg and Chad Bradford, and General Manager Billy Beane. The question explored by Lewis is: how has a team with limited financial resources managed to field consistently competitive teams against teams with many more resources?

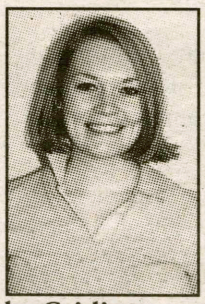
According to Lewis, one of the reasons is the A's reliance on on-base percentage (OBP). OBP is the percentage a player reaches base, whether by hit, walk, or other means. It is determined by this formula (Hits + Walks + Hit by Pitches) divided by (At-bats + Walks + Hit by Pitches + Sacrifices). An OBP above .400 is considered excellent (Albert Pujols .430), .350 about average (Scott Podsednik, .351), and below .300 catastrophic (Pedro Feliz, .295). Statistical data has proven the correlation between high OBP and number of runs scored. The Boston Red Sox led the majors for the third year in a row in runs scored and team OBP.

Moneyball created a stir within the baseball world by moving away from absolute reliance on the 5 tools (hitting for power, hitting for average, speed, arm strength, and fielding ability). "Traditionalists" feel the 5 tools are the only means of evaluating player talent. When "Moneyball" teams look for other methods to supplement the 5-tools they betray baseball's orthodoxy. The part of baseball that is resistant to change challenged the essential tenants of "Moneyball." Teams have been sacrifice bunting and saving their closers for the 9th inning for years; why should that change? It works, opponents of "Moneyball" say. Closers (the best pitcher in the bullpen, used generally to get the last three outs) have the most value when used in a situation that most requires their skill. Does it make any sense to bring in the third best reliever in the bullpen when a team holds a 1 run lead in the 7th with the bases loaded? Doesn't logic dictate that a manager utilize his best pitcher regardless of whether it is a "save" situation? By raising these questions, Moneyballers have been vilified by traditionalists for daring to question the status quo. Sadly the history of baseball is rife with cronyism and adherence to orthodoxy (see Tom Yawkey).

What opponents of this philosophy misunderstand is that the Athletics were exploiting a market resource (OBP) undervalued by the rest of baseball. With the advent of statistically oriented front offices around the league (Theo Epstein in Boston, J.P. Richardi in Toronto, Paul DePodesta in Los Angeles), OBP became too expensive for continued exploitation by the A's. This past year the A's focused on acquiring young pitching and defense (presently undervalued resources), a change not noted by the mainstream sports press.

Tragically, what gets lost in this "Moneyball" debate is the fact that most teams blend a mix of traditional scouting and statistical analysis and recognize the limitations and advantages of each. The real problem with the debate lies in the pettiness and shortsightedness of small groups of people on both sides.

Bush takes another hit



by Caitlin Rochford '06
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Harriet Miers, President Bush's second nominee to the Supreme Court, announced on Thursday morning that she has withdrawn her nomination. Politicians on both sides of the aisle breathed a sigh of relief, but at the same time, many expressed concern with the reasoning Miers provided for removing herself from consideration.

Miers's letter to the president said that she was, "concerned that the confirmation process presents a burden for the White House and its staff and it is not in the best interest of the country," according to CNN.com.

The White House commented that Miers's concern was over senators' request for internal White House documents that served as Miers's only paper trail. Sure, the release of internal documents was a clear dilemma for the White House, but it refused to disclose any of that information during the confirmation hearings of now Chief Justice John Roberts. So, what makes anyone think that the White House would even consider releasing the documents for Miers?

Miers's withdrawal, while clearly in the best interest of the country, was not the result of overzealous senators, who were breaking the delicate balance between the legislative and executive branches by requesting these sensitive internal documents. Simply put, the Bush administration realized that if Miers was not confirmed (and it was becoming increasingly more apparent that this would be the case), this loss would be huge setback for an already suffering administration.

Miers did not have a strong base of support from the right, like Roberts had during his confirmation hearings. Miers was as equally distrusted by both parties. Representatives from the left worried that she was not mainstream enough, and representatives from the right worried that she was not conservative enough. Both parties worried that she was not qualified.

Before becoming White House Counsel, Miers served as President of both the Dallas Bar Association and the Texas Bar Association. While she never had experience sitting on the bench, these positions do at least sound fairly respectable. But as former Supreme Court Nominee Robert Bork explained Thursday morning on CNN, these are both positions one gains from loyalty to the association, not from legal excellence.

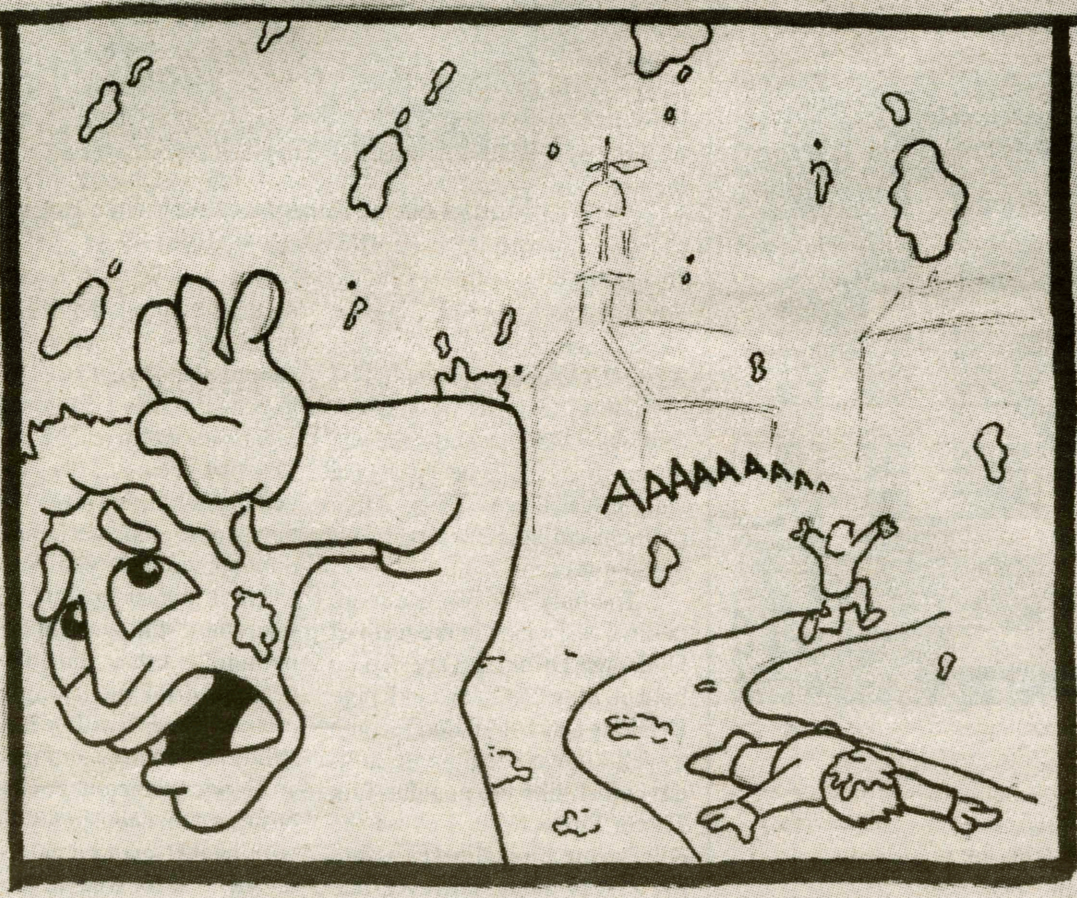
Bork's description fits in nicely with what seems to be the trend in Miers's employment- demonstrate some loyalty and get an important job-even if you're totally unqualified. There was no way that Miers was going to survive her confirmation, so Bush- asked her to step down.

Liberals are already approaching Bush to request that he pick a more mainstream candidate. Clearly, he has the Constitutional right to pick anyone he wants, and he will pick someone whose political beliefs closely resemble his own. But it is also his duty, as leader of all of the United States and not just the Republican Party, to choose a candidate that will maintain the balance of the Court- someone whose views are similar to those of retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

New York Senator Charles Schumer said in a press release, "There is now one clear path for the President, to choose a knowledgeable and mainstream successor in the mold of Sandra Day O'Connor. These are very difficult times for the country and the nation cries out for unity. Mr. President, this is a time for leadership, please help bring America together with a choice that unites, not divides us."

When Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee met with Bush before his nomination of Miers, they suggested three Hispanic judges. There was also considerable pressure for him to nominate another woman. It will be interesting to see in the coming weeks if Bush can play the part of a strong leader and pick a candidate that will, as Schumer said, unite, not divide us.

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06



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Attention all ghost hunters

An investigative look at haunted places in the Clinton area and upstate New York

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From the Alexander Hamilton Inn, to North Residence Hall, to the Beardslee Castle, less than an hour from campus, reports of hauntings are abundant in Central New York. Although unwilling to speak to a Spectator reporter (perhaps the ghosts told them not to?), many on campus claim to have been witness to a haunting of some type. So, during the Halloween season, Hamilton students are advised to keep out a watchful eye and never travel alone at night!

PHOTO BY: BOBBY COLE '06

The graveyard, haunted or not, is one of the spookiest places on camps.

The Alexander Hamilton Inn

A *Syracuse New Times* article from 2001 interviewed Stacey Jones, founder of the Central New York Ghost Hunters Society. Jones said about Central New York, "Up here there's more history than on the outskirts of New York City." Jones has spent more than 15 years studying paranormal activity, when she's not busy working in a doctor's office.

Seth Rochford, a resident of Hamilton, NY, and a member of the blues band Bernie Clark and the Rhythm Sharks, has entertained at the Alexander Hamilton Inn on a number of occasions. He said, "I've never personally seen any ghosts, I've played there and the owner told me that he's seen a number of ghosts and that there are legends about ghosts that haunt there." Rochford also mentioned that Fox News had spent some time reporting from the Inn.

Jones has spent time looking into the apparent hauntings at the Alexander Hamilton Inn. The 1820s home is apparently home to many spirits, the most famous of which is a little girl. The girl has been seen looking through the sliding doors between the dining and sitting rooms.

According to the Central New York Ghost Hunters Society's website, the inn was originally belonged to Othniel Williams, a local lawyer. Great gardens extended from the house to encompass much of downtown Clinton. A gingko biloba tree in the parking lot of what used to be Great American, and more recently Roma's, is the last remnant of the garden. Williams, a graduate of Hamilton College, lived in the house until 1832 with his family. Grover Cleveland and his wife spent a night in the house in July 1887 to celebrate Clinton's centennial celebration.

The Landmark Theatre

The Landmark Theatre, located in Syracuse, is another often-studied locale for paranormal activity. In fact, just recently, the theater hosted a ghost hunt as a fundraiser. The theater, which was built in 1928, originally housed "famous stage acts and first-run moving pictures," according to the Central New York Ghost Hunters Society.

According to shadowlands.net, a female apparition, commonly known as the "lady in white," has been often seen. She is generally quietly haunting the balcony of the theater.

The Stanley Theatre

The Stanley Theatre, home of many Hamilton-sponsored concerts is haunted by at least one ghost. According to shadowlands.net, there is one seat in the theater, for which a ticket is never sold. The theater will not disclose which seat it is, however patrons who have sat there have reported a feeling of being sat upon, or being forced out of their seat.

The Beardslee Castle

The Beardslee Castle is located in Little Falls, NY, about half an hour from Utica. According to the Central New York Ghost Hunters Society's website, the castle is "always a wondrous place for paranormal researchers. The ghosts always seem to be more than happy to interact and 'pose' for pictures."

The first tale of death at the location hails from the mid-1700s, during the French and Indian War. According to the Beardslee Castle website, www.beardsleecastle.com, Native Americans snuck into the tunnels underneath the home that was there at the time, in search for ammunition that had been hid there. The flames of their torches apparently sparked the gunpowder and all of the Native Americans were killed by the explosion. The souls of those that dies that night could be some that still haunt the area.

Many that have driven past the castle have reported seeing a bright yellow light that chases them down the road. This has been the cause of many fatal car accidents over the years, as drivers were blinded by the light. Others have reported seeing a small girl walking down the side of the road. Still others have reported seeing the ghost of Guy Beardlsee, the owner of the residence, searching the grounds with a blue lantern. Beardslee was apparently searching for a young child that had drowned in a nearby pond.

In 1983, paranormal experts tried to see if there was any legitimacy to the ghost story claims. Norm Gauthier, of the New Hampshire Institute for Paranormal Research spent a night with a tape recorder to listen for the voices of the alleged ghosts. When he played back the tapes the next morning, Gauthier said that he could hear faint voices that sounded playful. Gauthier sad that there were definitely at least two ghosts that haunted Beardslee Castle.

When asked to more clearly identify the identities of the ghosts, several paranormal experts have identified the ghost of a young woman in a white gown. Although the story's origins are unknown, rumor has it that a young woman dies at the Beardslee Catsle the night before her wedding. Many weddings were held at the castle when it was a private residence.

Clinton Library

According to shadowlands.net, the public library located in the center of Clinton is haunted by ghosts at all hours of the day

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Haunted Places on Campus

- *The Admission's Office (Root House):*
people claim to smell the tobacco smoke of Elihu Root in and around the building.

- *The Chapel:*
supposedly haunted by a ghost; reports include hearing strange noises and footsteps.

- *Root Dormitory:*
many students believe there is a presence of some sort in Root. Students believe the ghost moves objects and speaks to them.

- *Kirkland Dormitory:*
as well as North Dormitory are supposedly haunted by a Continental soldier.

- *Minor Theater and Buttrick*

What do you believe?

Last minute costume ideas

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Halloween is one of the few times we can get dressed up like complete fools and not receive any slack for it. It gives free reign to men to dress as ridiculously as possible and females the right to flaunt all their assets. And yes, to all those freshman who are wondering: when you get a party invite that says, "costume required," it means COSTUME REQUIRED. Don't panic, I've compiled a small list of quick and easy costume ideas for those of you who didn't believe that 21 year olds still dressed up for Halloween or – somehow – forgot that this fabulous holiday was this weekend.

The Black Eyed Peas
(for a group)
What you'll need:
- Face paint
- Plain t-shirts
- Fabric paint

Pin or paint a large P on each party member's shirt, or if you're feeling particularly brave (or plan on having a few adult beverages to numb the cold) paint one on your chest. Use the face paint to black out each person's eye. For an added touch, break out into song randomly throughout the evening. Feel free to sign autographs at will.

The Blair Witch Project
(for a group)
What you'll need:
- A witch costume (black clothing or dress, face paint, a hat and/or wig and broomstick)
- Camping attire
- Video camera or regular photo camera

Have one person dress as a witch and walk around with a group of people wearing camping clothes (think knee socks, flannel shirts, trucker hats, etc.). The campers should film and photograph the witch at random.

A Painter and his Masterpiece
(for a couple)
What you'll need:
Male:
- Overalls
- Paint brushes
- Burette
- Mustache (face paint)

Female:
- A dress
- Paint

Find one of your friends who is taking a studio art course. The man should dress up as a painter, complete with dirty overalls, paintbrushes in his pockets, a burette for the true artist and a mustache. The female can wear a dress and cover herself with paint – voila, la masterpiece! For an especially confident female, no costume is necessary.

Risky Business Cast
(for a couple)
What you'll need:
Male:
- Boxer shorts
- White buttom up shirt
- White socks
- Anything that you can use as an air microphone

Female:
- A red dress
- Heels
- A blond wig if needed

So its one of the easiest and most recognizable costumes ... but come on, you know you've always wanted to do this one.

Budweiser: King of Beers
(for males)
What you'll need:
- A crown
- A fancy cape
- Nice clothing
- Empty beer cans (make sure they're empty guys, you don't want to get two points for stupidest costume)

Dress like a king. You can buy a costume at a local store or make one of your own out of paper, cardboard and a sheet (for your cape, obviously!) and then attach the empty cans on you. If you really wanted to make a statement, you could exclusively drink Budweiser all night. Any excuse not to drink Keystone, right?

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The history of Hamilton's fraternities

by Ian Mandel '06
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The American fraternal system was born at Union College between 182 and 1827 with the founding of the Kappa Alpha Society, Sigma Phi and Delta Phi. Four years later, Hamilton College became the second school in the United States to have fraternities. For the past 174 years, Hamilton has maintained a strong Greek system. In the middle half of the 20th century, Hamilton students were often identified in official documents, such as The Hamiltonian, Hamilton's yearbook, by which fraternity they were affiliated with. Another example can be found in the issues of *The Spectator*, where the newly tapped members of one of Hamilton's three honor societies were listed along with their fraternal affiliation or with the identification of "independent."

Today, nine national Fraternities have chapters based at Hamilton. Below, you will find a brief historical background of each.

Alpha Delta Phi (AD)

Alpha Delta Phi was founded at Hamilton College in 1832 by Samuel Eels. Founded as a literary society, AD has initiated over 50,000 life-long members. Among its notable alumni from Hamilton is Congressman Michael Castle '61 (R-DE). Presidents Franklin Roosevelt (see the DKE section for more) and Theodore Roosevelt were Alpha Delts, as were John D. Rockefeller and Thorton Wilder. Until the Residential Life Decision of 1995, the Alpha Delts resided in what is now Eels.

AD has established chapters at schools throughout the United States and Canada, including Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, Kenyon College, MIT, McGill University, Miami University of Ohio, Penn State, Union College, the University of British Columbia, the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois, the University of Minnesota, Yale University and York College of Pennsylvania.

Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE)

DKE was founded at Yale University in 1844 by fifteen sophomores angry about certain individuals not being elected to the two junior societies, Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon. They attributed the omissions to undergraduate politics and a division in the sophomore class. DKE has initiated more than 70,000 men, including five United States presidents: Rutherford B. Hayes, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, Gerald Ford and Franklin Roosevelt (who DKE claims joined both DKE and AD at Harvard and was thrown out for dual membership in the 1890s). Other famous Dekes include New York Governor George Pataki, Senator Ted Stevens (R-AL) and New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. Until the 1995 Residential Life Decision, DKE brothers lived in what is now the Wertimer House.

DKE has dozens of active chapters across the country. Their chapter at Hamilton was chartered in 1856 as the sixth fraternity at the College. DKE also established chapters at Brown University, the University of Mississippi, the University of Alabama, the University of North Carolina, Dartmouth College, Middlebury College, Lafayette College and Colgate University, among others.

Delta Upsilon (DU)

DU was founded in 1834 at Williams College with the founding principles of friendship, character, culture and justice. They pride themselves on being a non-secret men's fraternity, with no secret rituals or secret oaths - DU's 61-page Ritual Book is available on its website in PDF format. Among their notable alumni are President James A. Garfield and Charles Evans Hughes, who served as Governor of New York, U.S. Vice President, Secretary of State and Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. DU came to Hamilton College in 1847. Until the 1995 Residential Life decision, DU brothers resided in what is now the Ferguson House.

Delta Phi (D-Phi)

Delta Phi was founded in November 1827 by nine men at Union College. Based on the ideals of friendship, literature and morality, Delta Phi is the oldest continual social fraternity in the United States. Notable alumni include the 24th Vice President of the United States, Garret Augustus Hobart, and John Jacob Astor. The chapter at Hamilton, the Chi Chapter, was founded in 1950. Until 1976, Delta Phi had a house down College Hill across from Bundy. They were evicted in 1976 and had a perpetual lease on Bundy West Residence Hall until the Residential Life Decision of 1995.

Delta Phi has founded 26 chapters at some of the finest institutions of higher learning in the United States and currently has fifteen active chapters, at Brown University, NYU, Rutgers University, the University of Pennsylvania, RPI, Lehigh University, Johns Hopkins University, Cornell University, the University of Virginia, the University of Illinois, Kenyon College, Penn State University, the University of Pittsburgh, the College of William and Mary and Hamilton College.

Theta Delta Chi (TDX)

TDX is the eleventh oldest of the college fraternities, founded in 1847 at the cradle of fraternal civilization: Union College. TDX came to Hamilton as the fraternity's Psi charge in 1868. TDX claims to be the first fraternity to adopt colors, the first fraternity to design and fly a characteristic flag and the first fraternity to adopt a pledge pin, among other things. Hamilton's Theta Delt brothers lived in what is now Woollcott until the Residential Life Decision of 1995.

TDX has also established chapters at Brown University, Dartmouth College, MIT, Northeastern University, William and Mary, Penn State, Iowa State University, Michigan State University, Merrimack College, Tufts University, Amherst College, UMass Dartmouth, the George Washington University and Virginia Tech University, among others.

Sigma Phi (Sig)

Sigma Phi was also a member of the Union Triad. Established in 1827, Sigma Phi came to Hamilton College in 1831, becoming the first fraternity on the Hill and the first of the Union Triad to colonize a second chapter. Sigma Phi is a small national fraternity, having founded chapters at Williams College, Hobart College, the University of Vermont, the University of Michigan, Cornell University, the University of Wisconsin - Madison, the University of California - Berkely and the University of Virginia. Hamilton's Sigma Phi brothers lived in the building adjacent to the Burke Library that will be the future home to Hamilton Admissions and Financial Aid. Sigma Phi was the last of Hamilton's fraternities to sell their house to the College.

Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE)

Unlike all of Hamilton's other fraternities, TKE is a relative newcomer to the national fraternal scene. Founded in 1899 at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois, TKE is different than Hamilton's other eight societies in its large size as well. The largest fraternity in the nation, TKE had initiated 230,544 men as of May 31, 2003. There have been many distinguished Tekes, including President Ronald Reagan, U.S. Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV), country music singer Willie Nelson, Elvis Presley and adult film star Ron Jeremy.

Chi Psi

Chi Psi, too, was founded at Union College in the spring of 1841. The eighth fraternity in the United States and the fifth at Union College, Chi Psi's self-defined mission is to create and maintain an enduring society which encourages the sharing of traditions and values, respect for oneself and others, and responsibility to the university and community. Chi Psi brothers at Hamilton resided in what is now the Philip Spencer House until the Residential Life Decision of 1995.

Like many of the other societies on the Hill, Hamilton was the second place Chi Psi opened a chapter. The Chipsters have also established chapters at the University of Michigan, the University of South Carolina, the University of Mississippi, the University of Minnesota, Amherst College, Conrell University and the University of Georgia, among others. Notable alumni include Prince Albert of Monaco, former U.S. Representative and Senator from Pennsylvania Henry John Heinz III, former Governor of Pennsylvania William Scranton and former Governor of Colorado Richard D. Lamm.

Psi Upsilon (Psi-U)

Psi-U, too, was founded at the mecca of the fraternity system: Union College. Psi-U was formed in 1833 on the banks of the Mohawk River. Psi U has established chapters at NYU, Brown University, Amherst College, Bowdoin College, Trinity College, Lehigh University, the University of Pennsylvania and Dartmouth College, among many others. It came to Hamilton in 1843 as the fraternity's 9th chapter. Hamilton's Psi U brothers lived in the newly renovated and dedicated Skenandoa House until the Residential Life Decision of 1995.

Attention all ghost hunters, continued

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seand night. People have reported hearing whispers and footsteps, especially on the staircase. Books have been reported to fall off of the shelves when no one is near them.

North Residence Hall

Although this story has not been confirmed by anyone at Hamilton College, shadowlands.net writes that North Residence Hall has been reported to have its own ghost. A messenger from the Revolution (a Continental, perhaps?) has been seen roaming the third floor of the building. The ghost will stop and point at a person, before disappearing through the wall.

Root Residence Hall

One Hamilton student brave enough to recount his tale to The Spectator, John Pappano '06 tells of his encounter with a ghost in Root in November of 2002. John was alone in his room on a Thursday night. He had just settled into bed and was waiting up for the return of his roommate, when all of a sudden, a voice whispered directly into his ear, "John, wake up!" Startled, Pappano peered out of his window to see if someone could be calling him from outside. Finding that he was entirely alone, John turned all of his lights on and waited anxiously for his friends to get home. Pappano said, "I don't believe in ghosts, but I'm serious as a heart attack when I say that this is what happened."

Fort Stanwix

Fort Stanwix, in Rome, NY is a rebuilt fort from the Revolutionary War. According to theshadowlands.com, many spirits dwell there. Revolutionary War soldiers have been sightings, and at sunrise the sound of gun shots and fife music can still be heard. People have also reported hearing a women weeping for her sick child. Employees of the fort, as well as some tourists have spotted the ghost of a one-legged man. Sounds of footsteps, sweeping, chopping wood and voices can be heard at all hours, and occurrences, such as flickering lights and turning doorknobs happen frequently.

PHOTO BY: BOBBY COLE '06

Many of the ghosts that supposedly haunt campus are buried on campus.

The Mansion House

The Mansion House in Sherrill, NY is a much-visited site by Hamilton students learning about utopian communities. Once the home of the Oneida Community, the Mansion House is now a bed and breakfast. According to theshadowlands.net, the bottom two floors of the building, which are now not accessible to the public, are haunted. Another person on the same website writes of a paranormal experience just minutes from the Mansion House. This person writes, "There are cemeteries behind and in front of my friend's house. I've spent the night there a couple of times, and whenever I do, sure enough, something is there. These aren't modern cemeteries. They date back to the Revolutionary War. In the early a.m., I would peep out his window, and the air would, I don't know how to say this, move. The light would bend, like a refraction in the fabric of our planet. It would kind of bend around this one point, which was by a grave. It is always by the same grave. However, when I observe the 'distortion,' if you will, I am all of a sudden freezing to death. It gets so cold, you wouldn't believe it."

It is commonly known that paranormal activity is most common in areas with a rich history. Graveyards are always another hotspot. Hamilton College was founded in 1812, but before that, it served as the location for the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, whose purpose was to civilize the local natives. A cemetery lies just off of Campus Road, between the Bristol Campus Center and Minor Theater. In all, it is the perfect setting for some real hauntings. As paranormal activity is always the strongest right around Halloween, I urge all Hamilton students, faculty and staff to beware.

Beyond Keystone: Indian Pale Ale, *vol. 1*

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FEATURES WRITERS

Alright, we held out as long as we could, but now it's time for our first IPA tasting. Notice we write *first* IPA tasting in part because this is our favorite style of beer and also in part because IPA's are such a rich and bountiful style that we can't possibly hope to explore the breadth and wonder of this craft in a week. Before we get into the tasting, a little history. IPA is short for India Pale Ale, an English style made popular in the days of the British Empire. Despite being far from home, British colonists in India still wanted good brews. However, traditional English Pale Ales would often spoil on the voyage to India. Brewers responded to this challenge by creating a new style of ale with higher alcohol and hop content. Both alcohol and hops acted as preservatives in the beer, which enabled it to withstand the journey halfway around the globe. Brewers intended the colonists to reduce the alcohol content and mellow out the brews' hop character by watering them down. However, in stubborn English fashion, the colonists refused to water them down and soon developed a taste for these brews. Thus, a new style was born: the India Pale Ale.

As we said before, we can't possibly hope to explore the depth of the IPA style in one tasting. Just about every legitimate brewery produces its own take on the IPA; there are literally hundreds commercially available. We wouldn't know where to begin in suggesting a few IPA's that are representative of the style. So, we decided to try three that we've never had before, and we're glad we did! This week's brews are: Dogfish Head's 60 Minute IPA, Victory's Hopdevil IPA, and Yards's IPA. Enjoy.

While it's hard to think of any IPA as subtle, we began our tasting with the subtlest of the three. First out of the fridge was Dogfish Head's 60 Minute IPA. Our first impression was positive, and Lew Bryson of the *Ale Street News* agrees in saying "The 60 Minute IPA bottled real ale is nothing short of brilliant, one of the closest approximations of cask ale in a bottle that I've ever had the pleasure to lay lip to." And we've never laid lip to a finer IPA ourselves. Well said, Lew Bryson. Our first observation was that the beer is light enough in color to be widely welcomed yet dark enough to let you know you're doing something right. Although the color is uninspiring, this hue is indicative of the style. As with the color, this brew's head is nothing to write home about. Again, this is a stylistic effect that results from low malt content. Despite unimpressive head, the 60 Minute's legs stand strong. Upon first sip, aesthetic grievances were forgotten. This brew tastes great. The strong hop character and crisp mouthfeel make this brew, refreshing and remind us why we love beer. This brew's earthy undertones, as a result of its bottle conditioning, take us back to our underage homebrew days in Milbank, above the Res Life Office, under a sheet in our common room. You get the picture. This is a well balanced IPA. It's everything an IPA should be and doesn't try to be anything more.

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Next, out of the gate was Victory's HopDevil IPA. Much like the fabled Sweaty Betty of tastings past, Victory personifies its IPA in its description of the HopDevil. They say "The mythical HopDevil resides in the lore of farmers. Our HopDevil is the real deal. Bold, spicy and menacingly delicious. He's the product of distinctive American Hops and meticulous craftsmanship." Our first impression was of this brew's well-crafted head. This pillowy dome jutted from our glasses enticing us to lay lip to the brew's mystical wonders. As we drew near, wafts of American hops furthered our enchantment in unification with the beer's rusty hue. When we finally tasted this satanic brew we were struck by the complexity of its flavor. The Devil initially joins you with a restrained malt temperament and brings you under with the eponymous hop character of an IPA. While the Devil isn't your traditional IPA, its fiery nature makes for a great brew.

Our third and final selection was the heavyweight in gravity, Yards' India Pale Ale. We left this brew for last because it's 8% alcohol by volume. To put this in perspective, Stoners are 4.2% by volume. Needless to say, this brew hits you like a Peterbilt doin' 80. We went so far as to name it "The Sniper." The name is a result of its high alcohol content and extreme drinkability. Before we get into taste, let's take a look at aesthetics. The first characteristic we noticed was this brew's lack of clarity. While the other two were crisp and clear, this brew is hard to see through. In fact, its bottle conditioning gives it a distinct home-brew feel and the organic flavor to match. While it maintains the hoppiness of an IPA, its floral undertones make it extremely drinkable. Because this beer is extremely drinkable, it falls short of its aim as a traditional IPA. Although the packaging intends to market a traditional IPA, its execution is really intended towards a contemporary drinkership. Don't get us wrong, this is one hoppy and alcoholic IPA, yet we feel it lacks the stalwart effect of the IPA's we've tasted before.

This was our most challenging and interesting tasting to date. Although all three brews are India Pale Ales, each has a unique personality. Unlike previous tastings where there was a common brewer, style or location and the beers caterd to those categories, this tasting covered three different brewers and three distinct ales. As a result of the range of tastes and impressions, it is hard to declare a winner. Each beer has its strengths and shortcomings. For example, although the Yards IPA is significantly more potent than the others, we feel it lost its edge because it doesn't embody the ultra-traditional qualities that its packaging suggests. Similarly, while the HopDevil IPA was a progressive brew, it strayed too far from the style's roots. All in all, this was a great tasting. We are looking forward to similarly demanding tastings in the future and a second round of IPAs.

And as always, please remember, friends don't let friends pass 'Stones.

Costume ideas, continued

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Chick Magnet
(for males)
What you'll need:
- Barbie dolls
- Sunglasses
- Fedora

For the true stud. Pin/tie the dolls all over yourself. Wear the sunglasses and fedora for added hotness. Who knows, maybe all the attention will attrack the real thing for you. Then again ...

Multiple Personality Disorder
(for males)
What you'll need:
- Stick-on name tags

Write different names on each tag and place them all over yourself and have your friends call you by a different name.

Devil in a Blue Dress
(for females)
What you'll need:
- A blue dress (preferably semi-formalish/glittery)
- Red heels and fishnets
- Horns, tail and a pitchfork

Get dressed up as you would for any semi-formal event and then add the horns, tail and pitchfork to complete the ensemble.

Drop Dead Gorgeous
(for females)
What you'll need:
- Face paint
- Any clothing you think is flattering

Dress up however you look best. This is one of those chances for you to go all out. Then use face paint and/or fake blood to make yourself look dead.

Tickled Pink
(for females)
What you'll need:
- Pink clothing
- A feather

Dress in all pink and carry around a feather. It helps if you laugh at yourself a lot.

For more great last-minute costume ideas check out www.costumeideazone.com.

If you are unsure where to get Halloween supplies, some of your best bets include WalMart and Target, the local thrift store and your own closet.

If you don't feel like making your own costume, try any generic costume store (Spencers, Target, Party City, etc.). The selection is getting low so you shouldn't expect any of the typical costumes such as a French maid, Cleopatra or Dracula, but you might get some other ideas or be able to use pieces of another costume to create something different by adding additional accessories or modifying the original.

If you're up for the challenge, head to Michael's Craft store or any local thrift shop to get whatever you'll need to create your costume. Making your costume can cut the cost of buying a packaged version and can be a lot of fun. However, its much more time consuming and depending on how elaborate your idea is, buying may simply be easier.

Tricks of the Trade:

- Use saftey pins instead of sewing your costume.

- If you need metal for your costume (armor, jewelry, etc.), Duct tape works well.

- Be sure to check your friends' closets (and your own) for pieces that you could use.

- Next year, don't wait until the last minute!

Student Assembly Minutes
October 24, 2005

- Special guest Barry Seaman '67, author of BINGE, visited the meeting and discussed class unity, student interest in campus events, all-freshmen dorms, and student government in general with the assembly
- Approved funding for the Brothers Org., Class of 2006, Asian Cultural Society, and Women's Rugby for various events
- Coach Thompson will be visiting next week's meeting to discuss the upcoming athletic center renovations
- The movie channel is up and running! Stay tuned for more info
- Next week's meeting will be held in the Annex due to Halloween festivities

Student Assembly meetings are held Mondays at 9 p.m. in ELS. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Minutes courtesy of Evelyn Shapiro, SA Secretary.

Where to Eat: Symeons

by: Sam Gitlitz '08
FEATURES WRITER

It may appear to most that the area surrounding Hamilton is fairly homogenous. The truth is that the outskirts of Utica are widely ethnically diverse. Utica itself has quite a large Serbian population, while the suburbs boast Indian, Italian, and Vietnamese populations. I love typical American food, but variety is the spice of life, so I thought that I would change routine a little bit. Experimenting with food is always an adventure, and because I didn't know the area too well I thought that it would be best to stick with something simple. In honor of getting my classical mythology midterm back, I decided that I would go Greek this week. Symeons restaurant, located in Yorkville just a little further than Panera, had caught my parents' attention after the Hotel Utica recommended it to them. Unable to go last weekend, I went last Wednesday, in order to sample some Hellenistic cuisine.

Walking into the restaurant, one is perplexed by the lack of a host or hostess. After some navigating, I was able to find the hostess' station, next to an antique looking cappuccino machine. At first it was a little unnerving, as I thought that the restaurant had only one tiny room in between the kitchen and the main foyer. My fears soon diminished after the hostess took me through a labyrinth of dining rooms, until we reached a room in the back of the restaurant. There must be some unspoken rule amongst Greek restaurateurs, promising one and other that they will all decorate their establishments in veneers of the Acropolis or some other ancient wonder. On the wall were costumes for Greek festivals, along with oil paintings of Greek harbors both modern and ancient. Perhaps the best part of the décor was that each table was covered in white parchment and came with a package of crayons, which by the end of the meal was covered in tic-tac-toe games and signatures.

The menu was very typical of Greek cuisine, although there were some American additions, such as hamburgers and broiled scrod. For Greeks, as the menu says, meat means lamb. The menu offered upwards of ten lamb dishes, ranging from charbroiled to kebabs. Perhaps the most famous Greek dish, the gyro, was also available in both chicken and beef versions. For the vegetarian, the selection lessened, but the baked eggplant was very good. In order to sample as much as possible, I went for a mixed grille of kebab, gyro, and Greek salad. The lamb kebab was both moist and flavorful. The gyro resembled a sausage patty and tasted similar to one; however, when put in a pita with salad, it was delicious. Both of the cuts came with a yogurt sauce that tasted suspiciously like thickened ranch dressing. For anyone who has not tried Greek desserts, Symeons is worth the trip if only for sweets. I enjoyed a Galaktobouriko, an incredibly delicious yet common Greek desert. The dish is composed of sweet custard wrapped in a filo dough covered with honey and cinnamon. The taste completely fills the mouth with a sweet cinnamon, followed by the texture of custard and its delicate vanilla flavor. The dessert completed the meal, with the perfume of the Galaktobouriko still lingering.

My one complaint with Symeons is that when we go to an ethnic restaurant, most people expect something different than the neighborhood favorite. Our waitress couldn't pronounce the Greek dishes, and the special was Cape Cod clam chowder, not what one expects while sitting in a mock Pantheon. For their food service, and décor I give Symeons Greek restaurant 3 ½ stars out of five. Close, quick, and good, Symeons is the perfect place to go for something a little out of the ordinary.

Rating:

★★★ 1/2

Hamilton History

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER

Many people may not know that Hamilton College is in fact the setting for a feature film. *The Sterile Cuckoo*, released in 1969, starred Liza Minnelli, daughter of Judy Garland. Though it remains slightly obscure in present times, the film received two Oscar nominations, including one for Minnelli. The movie, some of which was shot here at Hamilton, revolves around the story of Pookie Adams, a freshman, and touches on many of the same problems that freshmen deal with today. The film was based on the novel of the same name by John Nichols, a Hamilton graduate.

Nichols was born on July 23, 1940 in Berkeley, California. After receiving his degree from Hamilton in 1962, he went on to publish *The Sterile Cuckoo* a mere three years later in 1965. Nichols continued writing for many years, publishing the widely praised New Mexico trilogy, consisting of *The Milagro Beanfield War*, *The Magic Journey*, and *The Nirvana Blues*. The novels take place in the fictional Chamisa County, New Mexico and deals with the history of Anglo-Hispanic relations and land and water rights. *The Milagro Beanfield War* also was made into a movie in 1988 by Robert Redford and starred Christopher Walken.

Nichols has continued to reside in New Mexico and has become somewhat of a Southwestern legend, also publishing photo essays along with his novels. His novels are not only political, but humorous and compassionate as well.

So watch the movie *The Sterile Cuckoo* for a glimpse of college life in the sixties and some shots of the chapel. Also, make sure to notice the curious lack of snow on the campus, even during winter.

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Lunch Time Bible Study (12:00-12:50)	Anime Club Meeting (2:00-3:00)	F.I.L.M. Sunday Series: Dave Gatten and *The Great Art of Knowing* (2:00)	President Stewart's Open Hour (1:30-2:30)	Newman Mass (12:00-1:00)	Faculty/Staff Bible Study (12:15-1:15)	Daily Prayer (12:00-12:30)
B.S.U. Meeting (5:00-6:00)	IM Badminton (4:00-6:00)	Hogwarts at Hamilton (2:00-4:00)	Trust Treat 4:00-7:00	CACC Meeting (3:00-4:00)	The College Museum: Bowdoin (4:30-5:30)	Newman Mass (12:00-1:00)
Hogwarts at Hamilton (6:00-7:00)	Hogwarts at Hamilton (5:00-6:00)	Syracuse Symphony Orchestra w/ Andre Watts (3:00-5:00)	HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00)	Womyn's Center Meeting (7:00-8:00)	CAB Meeting (7:00-8:00)	ACS Meeting (5:00-6:00)
Relay for Life (7:00-7:00)			VOX Meeting (9:00-10:00)	Levitt Center Speaker: Kean Kokkoris: Agent Orange Lawsit (7:30-9:30)	Film: Mechina A Preparation (7:00-9:00)	Gospel Choir Rehersal (7:00-8:00)
Late Nite: Movie Triva Contest (10:00-2:00)			HEAG Meeting (9:15-10:00)	Hamilton College Jazz Combo (9:00-10:00)	Jan Mazurek: Public Policy and Climate Change (7:30-9:00)	HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00)
						Film Production Guild Meeting (8:00-9:00)

Asian movie double review

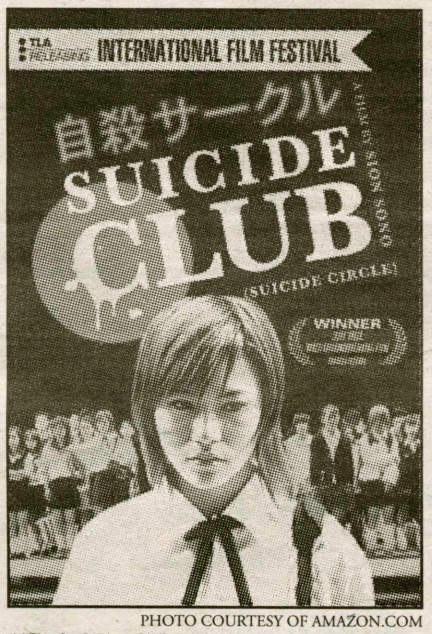
By Noah Wright '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

"Suicide Club"

Fade in to a crowded Tokyo subway station. People mill about in a busy manner, much the way they do in any crowded subway station. Oh look, it's a group of fifty or so schoolgirls all dressed up in their uniforms. They're all holding hands, aw, how cute. Hm, what's this? They're standing in a row right at the edge of the platform? The train's coming, they must be eager to get on! Look at them swing their arms back and forth and chant in unison, "one, two, three," right before they all jump as one in front of the oncoming subway train and violently die as the train pulverizes their bodies, drenching the other subway patrons in a gushing torrent of blood. Talk about your memorable intro sequences.

"Suicide Club" starts off being about two detectives working to find an explanation for the recent epidemic of group suicide that has enveloped the country, but as it goes on, the movie gets progressively more random, culminating with a sudden and completely unexpected twist midway through that throws what little was left of the plot onto the proverbial subway tracks.

"Suicide Club" can never quite make up its mind as to what the hell it is about. Is it a detective story about trying to find the origin of this new rash of suicides that has swept the nation? Is it a brilliant piece of social commentary, a fascinating analysis of youth and the insane things we can be brought to do by conformity, media suggestion, boredom, peer pressure, etc? Is it about the subliminal manipulation human beings undergo every moment of their waking lives in this society? Or is it just a nasty gore flick? Given the excessively grisly and bloody nature of the film, I'm more inclined to think the latter. I did, however, appreciate the enormous bubble-tape-like rolls of stapled-together skin patches found at the scene of every mass suicide. It gave the movie a certain je ne sais quoi.



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"Suicide Club" is a horror flick about the suicide epidemic.

"Audition"

When I speak of a work entitled "Audition," most theater majors (or at least those who have taken theater 102) will probably think of the book by Michael Shurtleff. I assure you, the Japanese film "Audition" has absolutely nothing to do with this book. At all.

"Audition" begins as a romantic comedy, featuring a down-on-his-luck television producer whose wife has just died. He gets the idea to "audition" assorted females for a non-existent new television show; in reality, he is auditioning for a new mate. Creepy though this may sound, it's actually quite cute and comical. When he finds a girl he is especially fond of, he is elated to discover that she may feel the same way about him. That is, until he begins to investigate her past and finds out that she's a psychopath. The genre of the film then switches to extreme horror as the girl kidnaps, tortures and maims the protagonist in a gut-wrenchingly painful manner.

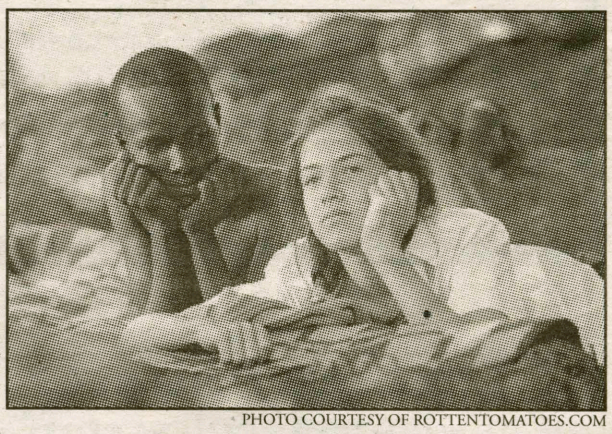
Sorry to give away the surprise for you, but I had no choice if I wanted to review the movie accurately. Not that I spoiled anything anyway, I myself knew it became a horror film in the last thirty minutes when I first saw it, but the knowledge in no way reduced the shock value for me. It's still surprising and it's still gruesome (Note: If you have a fear of needles, NEVER WATCH THIS!)

The big flaw of this movie is not the fact that it's utterly crazed. I like the fact that it's utterly crazed. The problem is that it's slower than a turtle on barbiturates until the genre shift, which takes place an hour and a half into the film, thirty minutes before it ends. The plodding start is the inevitable price one pays for the level of shock and horror this film induces, though even with this flaw, I still think the movie's more than worth seeing.

For True Film Lovers: "Nowhere in Africa"

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

"Nowhere in Africa" (or Nirgendwo in Afrika" in German) is based on an autobiographical novel by German writer Stefanie Zweig. The book is the account of a childhood experience, in which her German Jewish family was uprooted to Kenya in 1938 when her father saw turmoil arising in their native country. "Nowhere in Africa" connects Nazi Germany and British Kenya, countries that one wouldn't ordinarily consider together.



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Teenage Regina and a friend in Kenya.

Caroline Link wrote and directed this beautiful film, which follows six year-old Regina and her parents, Jettel and Walter Redlich, as they try to adapt to a radically different country. Walter was a successful lawyer in Germany when the family was forced to leave, and although rural Kenya is a better situation for his family, he has a very difficult time adjusting to being a farmer. The Redlichs must learn to adapt to a drastically different lifestyle; Kenya is far less cushy than Germany had been.

Although the movie focuses predominantly on the adults, Regina plays an important role, as she is the only member of the family who immediately adapts to the new country. She becomes friends with the cook, Owuor, and easily learns the language and customs of Kenya. Walter fumbles awkwardly, trying to become a farmer, and Jettel is painfully insensitive to the Kenyans. The Redlichs realize that they must spend more time in Kenya than they had originally expected.

Slowly, the family learns to adjust to the new culture, and young Regina begins to forget about Germany. She goes off to school, and makes friends, embracing all that Kenya offers her. Tension arises when Jettel becomes more comfortable with Kenya than her husband, who longs for the life they left behind. When Walter eventually finds himself eligible to join the British army, where he can fight against the Germans, he and Jettel become distant. Away from the comforts of Germany, Jettel experiences a new type of self-assurance.

The movie is beautifully filmed in modern-day Kenya, and it is wonderful to watch the characters change and adapt. The movie comes to focus on the relationship between Walter and Jettel, who find their way back to each other, falling in love again against the backdrop of an entirely new and different setting. The family must learn how to live in Africa, and in the end, Walter must convince them to go back to Germany after the war.

It is almost a shame to watch this movie on the small screen, because the landscapes are so vast and beautiful that it seems made for the big screen. Despite some loose plot threads that seem to be left uncompleted, this movie is next to perfect. It was the winner of a 2002 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film (German and Swahili with English subtitles) and five Golden Lola awards (German Oscar equivalents).

Halloween music belongs to an underappreciated genre

By Nicole Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Among all the music in the world, there lies a category of music that is as underappreciated as music can get. In this category, we have Hanukkah songs, Easter songs, and of course, Halloween songs.

They may be few in number, but together, they stand strong and united. For the one day that you will hear them, Halloween songs light up your day and get you into the proper trick-or-treating mood.

The Ghostbusters theme song is possibly one of the most popular Halloween songs played on the radio. It's just so catchy that you find yourself singing along to "Who ya gonna call? Ghostbusters!"

There's also "The Monster Mash," that great one-hit wonder by Bobby "Boris" Pickett. You know you like it, "it's a graveyard smash!" It will get you moving, much like "The Time Warp," from The Rocky Horror Picture Show. And it's easy to do, too. "It's just a jump to the left./ And then a step to the right./ With your hands on your hips. / You bring your knees in tight. / But it's the pelvic thrust/ That really drives you insane. / Let's do the time-warp again. / Let's do the time-warp again."

There's also the theme from the "Twilight Zone," as well as "The X-files," both spookily satisfying enough to get you in the Halloween mood. There's also the song "Purple People Eater" which is a fun song, even though it reminds me of an elementary school sing-along. Where else can you hear a song about a "One eyed, one horned, flying purple people eater?" There are also the oldies, but the goodies: "I Put a Spell on You; Love Potion No. 9" (Do you think that it really exists? There may be a black market of Love Potion that I may have to look into); Michael Jackson's "Thriller," and the theme from The Addams Family.

There are also the orchestral Halloween songs: the opening theme of "The Nightmare Before Christmas," the "Psycho" theme song, "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" ("Dracula"'s Theme Song), and so many others.

So this Halloween when you're running around campus in your costume (admit it, you're still a little kid at heart), or helping out at Trust Treat, or just spending some time in your room, remember to appreciate the rare loveliness of good Halloween music.

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Once you start searching for unnecessary words, you will find you can cut many without any loss of meaning. In fact, your writing will be crisper and more appealing. Remember: make "every word tell."

Strategies for eliminating wordiness:

Use action verbs rather than forms of the verb *to be (is, are, was, were).*

wordy
The reason that General Lee invaded Pennsylvania in June, 1863, was to draw the Army of the Potomac away from Richmond.

revised (replace *was* with action verb *invaded*)
General Lee invaded Pennsylvania in June, 1863, to draw the Army of the Potomac away from Richmond.

wordy
Tom Jones is a novel by Fielding that comically portrays English society in the eighteenth century.

revised (replace *is* with action verb *portrays*)
Fielding's novel *Tom Jones* comically portrays English society in the eighteenth century.

Make the real subject the actual subject of the sentence; make the real verb the actual verb.

wordy
In Crew's argument there are many indications of her misunderstanding of natural selection.

revised (replace *there* with *argument*; replace *are* with *demonstrates.*)
Crew's argument repeatedly demonstrates misunderstanding of natural selection.

Common sources of wordiness:

Redundancies
My personal opinion, at the present time, the basic essentials, connect together,

Passive voice
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FDA approves brain stem cell transplant

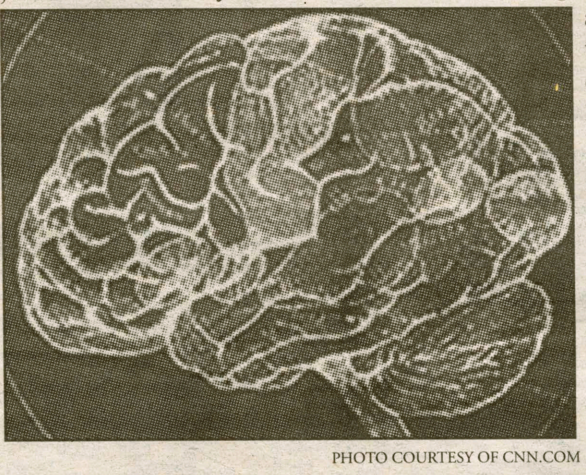
by Anne Schlesinger '06
Science & Technology Writer

The FDA approved what will be the first transplant of fetal stem cells into human brains on October 20, wrote Paul Elias in an Associated Press article. Stem Cells Inc., a Palo Alto biotechnology company founded by Stanford researcher Irving Weissman, has been developing the procedure for the treatment of Batten disease. Doctors at Stanford University Medical Center will begin testing as soon as a Stanford review board approves the test, a decision that could take weeks.

Although the immediate recipients of this transplant will be six children suffering from Batten disease, a fatal genetic disorder that blinds, paralyzes, and renders victims speechless, other neural disorders could also be treated if it is successful.

If a child has Batten disease, it means that a defective gene is not producing an enzyme that helps rid the brain of cellular waste. The waste builds up, kills healthy cells, and, ultimately, the patient dies. Batten disease afflicts 2 to 4 of every 100,000 children born, writes Cornelia Holtz of the *San Francisco Chronicle* in an October 21 article.

Dr. Gregory Enns's explains the choice of Batten disease for the study's focus: "Right now there is nothing we can do to stop the progression of this terrible disorder." Enns is an assistant professor of pediatrics and director of the biochemical genetics program at Stanford.



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The first transplant of fetal stem cells into human brains will treat six children suffering from Batten disease.

Dr. Stephen Huhn, Stanford University neurosurgeon chief, "will bore small holes through each child's skull and inject the neural cells into the patients' brains," reports Elias. The immature neural stem cells used will be grafted onto the brain and mature into healthy cells that are able to produce the missing enzyme. The treatment has been tested on mice and shows promise.

Stem Cells Inc. had applied for the human test in December, 2004, but the FDA wanted more information about where the cells actually went in the brain. Federal Regulators were also worried about the potential for the formation of tumors during treatment, stated Stem Cells Inc. Chief Executive, Martin McGlynn.

Children tested will be given drugs and watched closely for a year in order to try and ensure against any rejection of the new cells.

Of course, this treatment will raise ethical questions. While director of the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Bioethics Arthur Caplan affirms, "I'm sure there is no threat to anyone's identity," he also adds, "But we are starting down that road."

Issues of where Stem Cells Inc. obtains its stem cells will also be likely to cause concern. A non-profit California foundation that collects tissue samples from miscarriages and other operations provides the company with its stem cells. Some of the stem cells will also be from aborted fetuses. However, these stem cells differ from those that have caused so much controversy in the past. Not only do they come from embryos which have not been destroyed in the process of their extraction, but they are cells that are thought to form only specific types of brain cells, writes Holtz.

If the test succeeds, it could be the future of regenerative medicine, Huhn stated.

The FDA's decision comes on the heels of a Senate decision to push back until 2006 the debate on whether or not to ease restrictions on publicly funded stem cell research.

Breast cancer drug called "cure" by some doctors

by Allison Demas '07
Science & technology Writer

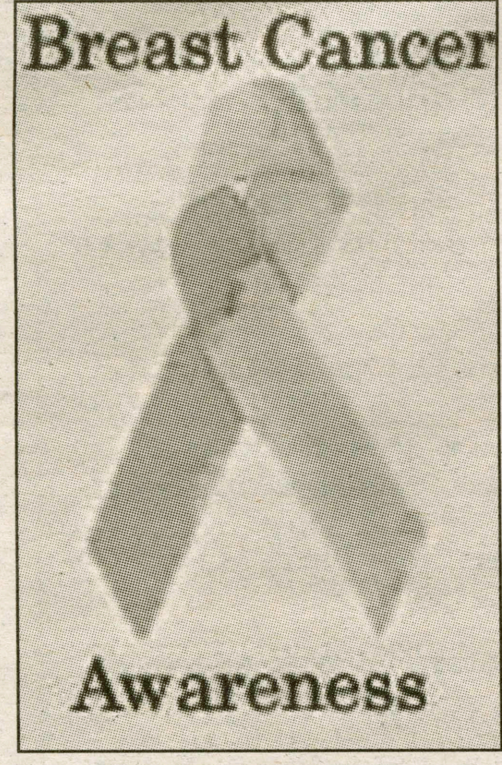
Last week's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* released new studies on the cancer drug Herceptin (trastuzumab). The findings of these studies were presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology in May, and Herceptin is being hailed by some as a revolutionary breakthrough in cancer treatment. The release of these studies is especially significant, as October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Every year, the American Cancer Society and other organizations join forces to spread awareness of breast cancer and the importance of early detection in saving lives. In the United States, 200,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer annually, and 40,000 do not survive. The success of this new drug in research trials is creating a great deal of excitement.

Some doctors are already calling Herceptin a "cure" for certain types breast cancer, though others are wary of jumping to such conclusions. Herceptin is a very potent drug, previously used to treat advanced forms of cancer, usually after treatment with chemotherapy. In new studies of more than 6,500 women with breast cancer in early stages, Herceptin was found to cut the risk of cancer relapse in half. The drug specifically targets diseased cells, unlike other cancer treatments, including radiation therapies, which also damage healthy tissues.

Herceptin is a monoclonal antibody that is specifically targeted to patients with HER2-positive breast cancer. These types of cancer do not respond well to chemotherapy, so the success of Herceptin treatment is very exciting for many patients. It is being tested for use in conjunction with standard treatments, such as surgery and chemotherapy. The combined results of two different studies (conducted by the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project and by the North Central Cancer Treatment Group) found a significant difference in overall survival between women taking Herceptin with their chemotherapy and women being treated with chemotherapy alone. After four years, more than 85% of the women taking Herceptin were alive and cancer-free, compared to only 67% of the women in the chemotherapy-only group. Some are concerned about possible side effects of the drug, including heart failures, and caution that further, long-term testing is necessary.

Herceptin is marketed by Genentech, and following the Clinical Oncology conference in May, sales increased by two-thirds, to $215 million. The estimated cost for one year's treatment of Herceptin is $48,000.

In spite of the mixed responses, there is significant evidence of positive results in those treated with Herceptin. While it may not be the "cure" some have searched for, it is definitely one step closer.



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Meet the Geek of the Week!

by Nancy Shaw '07
Science & Technology Writer

Name: Alison Blank '07

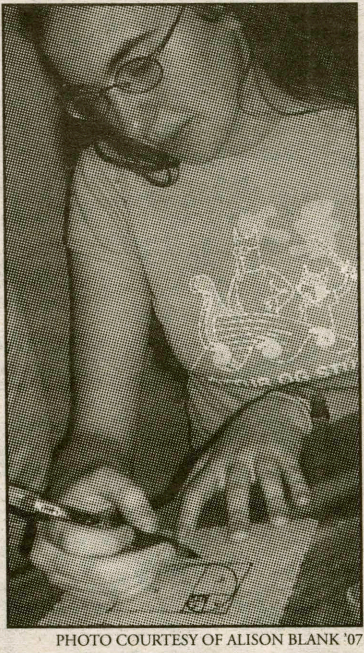
Concentration: Math

Why Alison deserves to be Geek of the Week: Last Friday she spent 3 hours in her professor's office hours even though she didn't have any homework to do. She was just that excited to talk about math.

What about math appeals to you most?
I kind of have this foolish belief in absolute truth, and mathematics is the only subject you can get away with that anymore.

When did you first realize that math was your truest love?
I realized I love math in sociology class… which I spent all of drawing fractals and proving that the maximum number of moves in the game of Sprout is 15. I also remember the exact moment when I decided to major in math. We were doing Cantor's proof of the non-denumerability of R in real analysis, and I was like "OMG! I want to be a math major!"

Who is your favorite mathematician and why?
Cantor. Just because his proofs and their implications are extremely interesting and are irrelevant to balancing your checkbook. I mean, how could you not love that there are an infinite number of infinities?



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Alison Blank, this week's Geek. Alison sings in choir, plays badminton, and enjoys prime numbers.

Do you have a favorite theorem?
Cantor's Theorem (unsurprisingly), although I'm also a fan of Pick's Theorem because it can be demonstrated with rubber bands. Also, one time at dinner my friend mentioned e^((Pi)(i))+1=0, and I probably injured about 3 people waving my arms in excitement.

What would you say if I told you two matrices commute?
That's hot.

If I told you your pants were radical, would you let me square them?
I'll one up you with: "let me take your integral so I can find the area under you".

What her friends say: Alison puts the G in geometries, the E in real analysis, the E in abstract algebra, and the K...in...Kalculus.. -Tyler Zink '07

African cell phone use soars

by Yuqi Mao '09
Science & Technology Writer

Africa is the only continent to go wireless before it has been sufficiently wired for the telephone. An October 17 CNN.com article titled "Cell phones reshaping Africa" says, "Cell phones made up 74.6 percent of all African phone subscriptions last year." Statistics show cell phone subscriptions jumped 67 percent south of the Sahara in 2004, compared with 10 percent in cell-phone-saturated Western Europe. A lot of money would be needed to wire the entire African continent with telephone lines. But due to the lack of telephone subscriptions, nobody wanted to wire the continent. Most telephone subscriptions take too long to install and to activate in Africa, "and the lines often went down because of poor maintenance, floods and theft of copper cables." People were discouraged from signing up in the first place.

The cell phone, on the other hand, goes through wireless connections and is easy to set up. It is estimated that more than one out of every ten people in Africa now owns a cell phone. "An industry that barely existed 10 years ago is now worth $25 billion," says Mo Ibrahim, the Sudanese who chairs Celtel, a leading African provider.

Many Africans use the cell phone to its maximum potential. When the exchange of small amounts of money through banks is expensive, they now just need to punch in a few keys on the phone to make the transfer. Cash doesn't need to transfer hands at the grocery store any more—a few more strokes on that keypad will do the job. Pre-paid air minutes no longer represent just the amount of time someone can talk on the phone; they now become quanta of currency.

"Wildlife researchers in Kenya and South Africa have put no-frills cell phones in weather-proof cases on a collar that goes around an elephant's neck. The phone sends a message every hour, revealing the animal's whereabouts." This sounds like a bizarre use of the cell phone. But if this unusual method effectively cuts down on the costs of tracking down wildlife and saves much energy for those people who try to follow the animals around, then why not use it?

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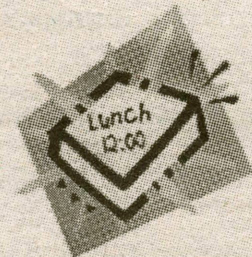

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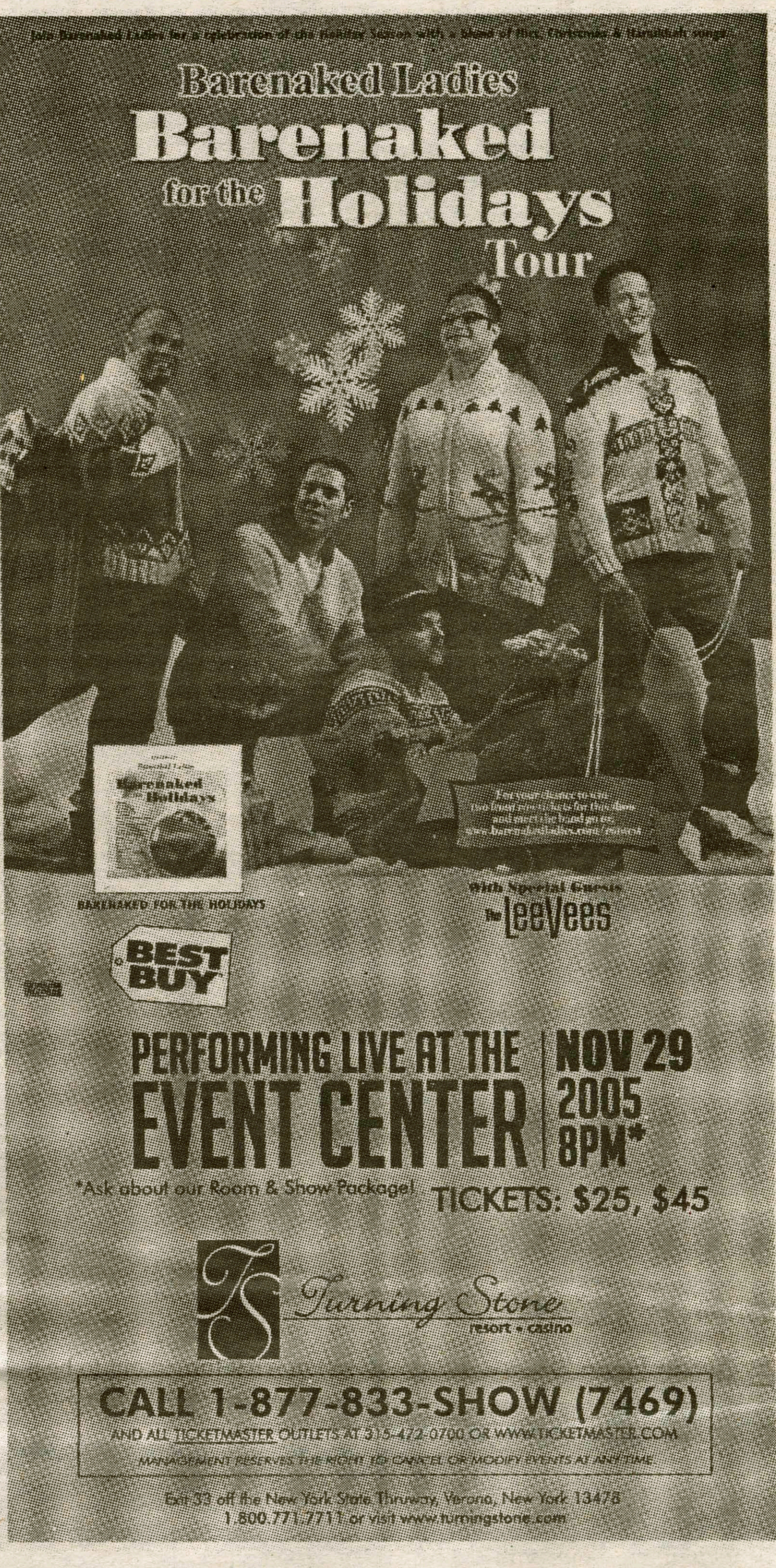

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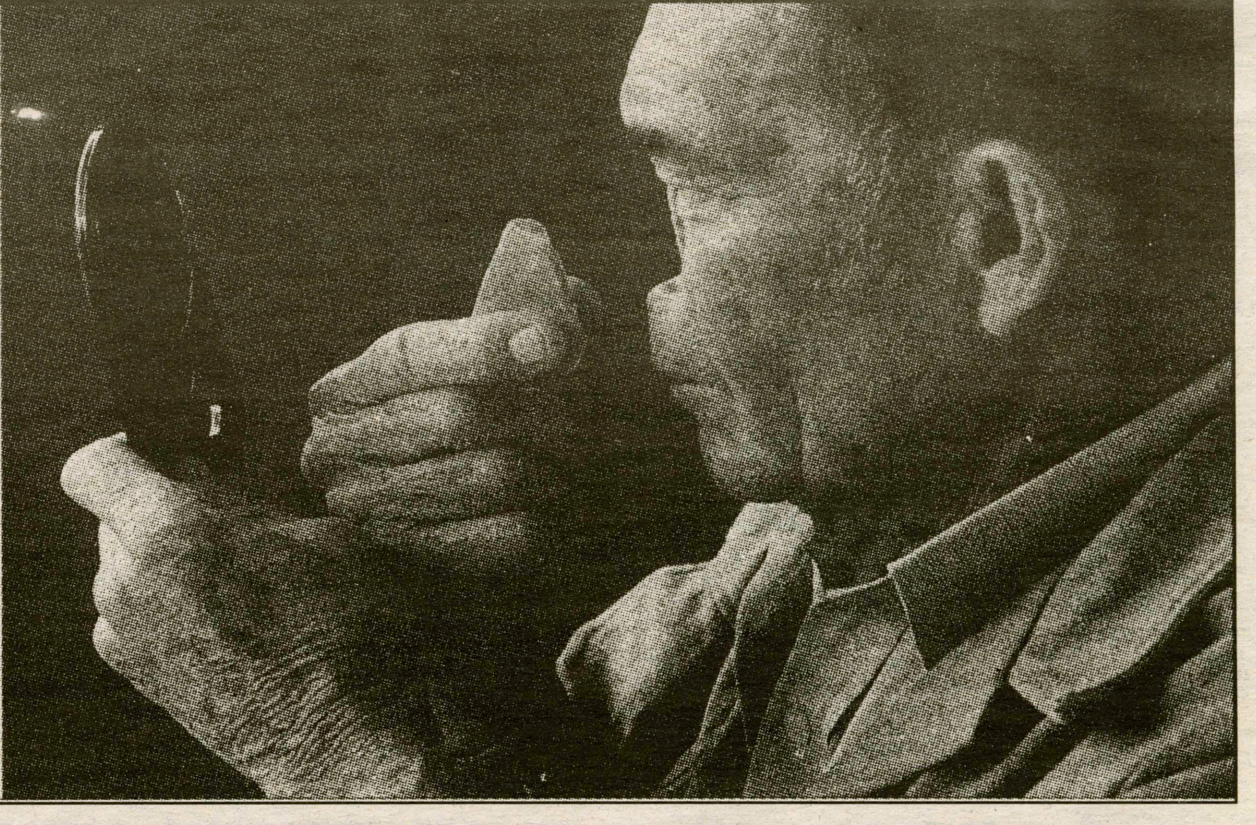
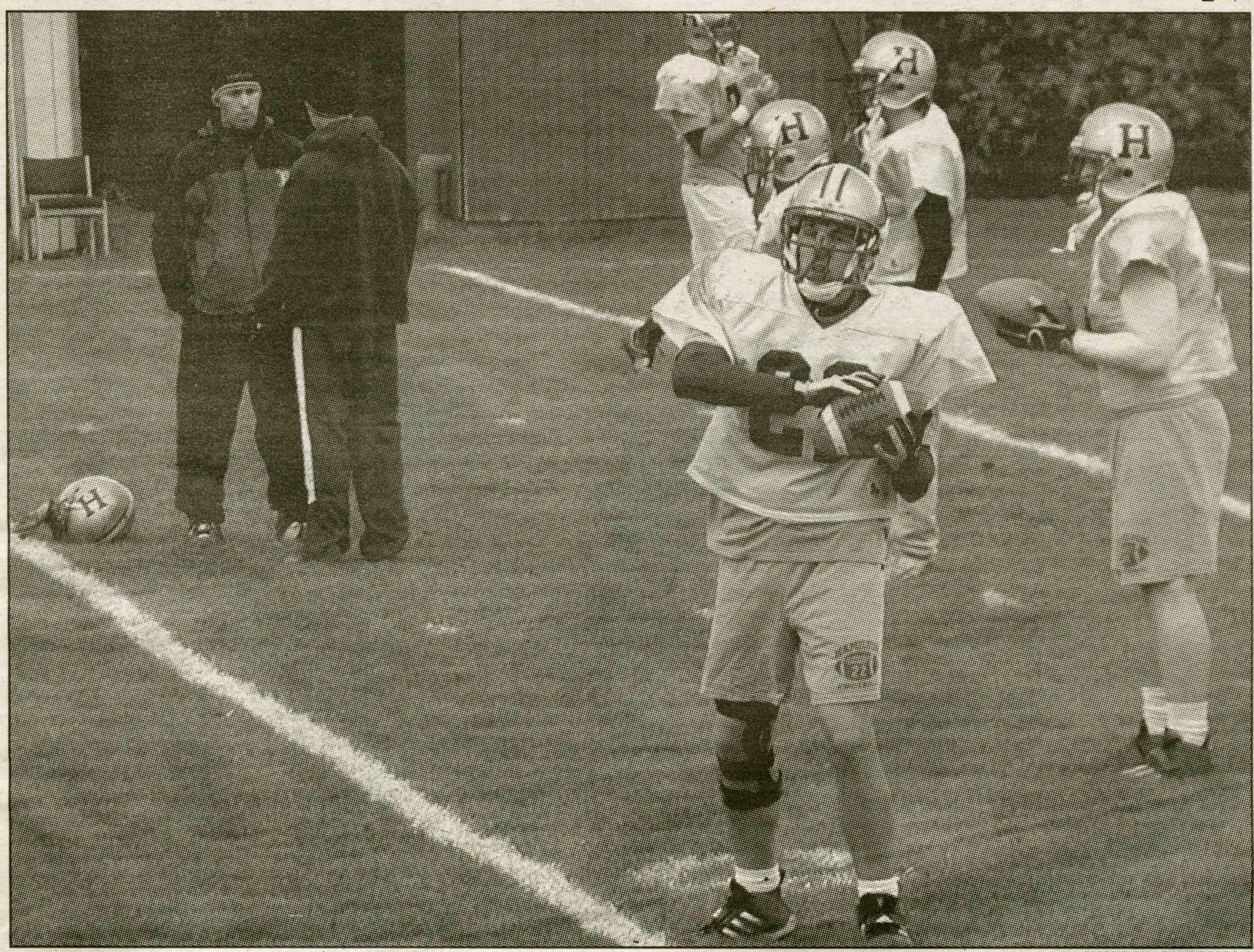


Football takes talented Colby down to the wire

Team changes offense; will travel to Williamstown this week to play the 3-2 Ephs



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Offensive players warm up before practice. This week's awful weather moved the Conts indoors for practices.

by Austin Finan '08
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College Football Team featured a new look on offense this past weekend in their home bout with Colby College. Unfortunately for the Continentals, the revamped offensive scheme was not enough to muster a win against the Colby Mules. Colby (4-1), who is currently ranked seventh in the New England Division III Football Poll, edged out the Continentals 34-20 in what turned out to be a very competitive and well-played match-up. With the loss, the Continentals have now dropped to 1-4 on the season.

Sophomore quarterback Dan Hood made his first start of the season at quarterback for the Continentals. The talented senior quarterback and tri-captain Brandon Holtslag was moved to wide receiver for the game. Head Coach Pete Alvanos made the decision to start Hood at quarterback to get even more talent on the field. "I felt Brandon [Holtslag] looked a bit tentative in the games against Trinity and Bowdoin. With Brandon at wide receiver and Dan Hood at quarterback, I just felt like it gave us more threats on the field at the same time" said Alvanos.

Despite the loss, Alvanos was pleased with Hood's overall performance. "Against Colby, I thought Dan did a good job of moving the offense in the right direction." Hood was successful on 18 of 37 attempts for a total of 165 yards in the air and did not relinquish an interception. Hood also contributed 84 yards on the ground and scored his first touchdown of the year. However, the offensive line had some difficulty protecting the young quarterback; consequently, Hood was sacked six times on the day.

Wide receivers Joe Rinaldo '08, Frasher Kempe '08, and Holtslag contributed with solid efforts of their own. The trio of receivers combined for 12 catches and a total of 124 yards. Rinaldo has been especially impressive this year; he is now tied for the league lead in receptions with 30.

Although the revamped Continental offense seemed to click, Colby refused to back down. Colby quarterback Justin Smith came out firing early in the game. Smith and wide receiver Michael Tomich connected twice in the first quarter for touchdowns. Late in the second quarter, Smith hooked up with wide receiver Brennan Moore in the end zone. The Continentals essentially spotted the Mules 20 points before clamping down.

The game was looking dismal for Hamilton until the defense picked up the slack. Late in the second quarter, freshman Taylor Soobitsky recovered a fumble that he brought in a for 12 yard touchdown return. Less than a minute later, classmate Trevor Pedrick '09 picked off a pass from Smith and took it 56 yards for the score. The game was beginning to look promising for the Continentals who only trailed by seven points at the half. Hamilton clearly had the momentum entering the third quarter.

However, the Continentals came out a bit flat in the third and gave up an early touchdown run to Colby's Chris Bashaw. Hood and the rest of the Continentals offense responded quickly as Hood struck on a 44 yard run for another touchdown. Nonetheless, the Continentals's second half efforts were squandered when Colby quarterback Justin Smith scored on a 52 yard run which would seal the deal for the team from Maine.

The Continentals have another golden opportunity this Saturday, when they will travel to Williams to face an uncharacteristically beatable Ephs team.

Beat the Experts

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Washington @ NY Giants	Washington	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
Kansas City @ San Diego	Kansas City	San Diego	Kansas City	San Diego	San Diego
Buffalo @ New England	New England	New England	New England	Buffalo	Buffalo
College Football					
#4 Georgia @ #16 Florida	Georgia	Florida	Georgia	Florida	Florida
#25 Michigan @ #21 Northwestern	Michigan	Northwestern	Michigan	Northwestern	Michigan
Oklahoma @ Nebraska	Oklahoma	Nebraska	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Nebraska
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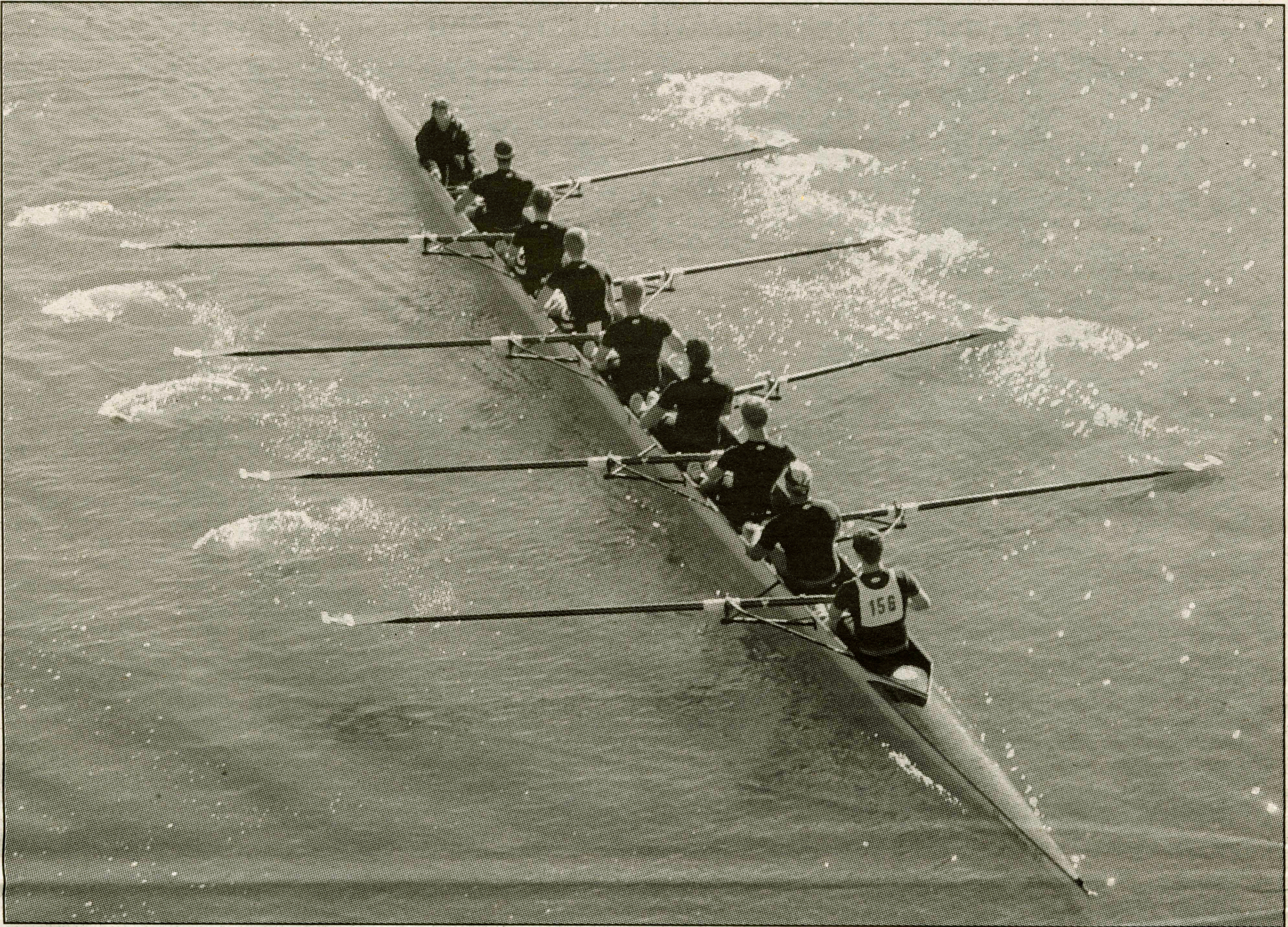
Crew to compete in Philadelphia this weekend



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Senionr leadership is the key to women's success

by Eileen Starrett '07
SPORTS WIRTER

Last weekend, the women's crew team faced their largest regatta of the season at the Head of the Charles in Boston. The Continentals finished 32nd out of 46 boats, and completed the race just one second ahead of rival St. Lawrence. "We're extremely happy with our row in Boston," said Captain Alexis Castrovinci '06.

Rowers in the eight-woman boat included: Lisa Schaaf '06 at coxswain, Catrin Jones '08 at stroke, and in seats seven through two were Brie O'Reilly '07, Annie Bowler '08, Castrovinci, Sarah Henochowicz '08, Bridget Moore '08 and Kalin Jaffe '06. Anne Kurtz '06 was at bow.

The Continentals's hard work and dedication has paid off thus far this season. The team had strong performances against Colgate and at the Stonehurst Capital Regional Regatta. At the Stonehurst Invitational, Hamilton's 4-boat finished 6th, beating both Colgate and Williams.

With just one regatta left in the fall season, the women are already looking ahead to the more intense spring season. "We treat the fall season as a training season for the competitive spring races. Even so, we've been very excited about our fall results," said Castrovinci.

While Hamiton's team is young, inexperience has not been an issue this season. None of the rowers from last year's team graduated, and this is one of the reasons for the Continentals's success thus far. "We didn't graduate anyone last year and had several seniors return from abroad, so we also have a strong and experienced group of senior leaders," said Castrovinci. "Still, the team is still very young. We have very strong freshmen and sophomore classes,"

This weekend, the Continentals will compete in their final race of the season at the Head of the Schuylkill in Philadelphia. According to Castrovinci, the weekend will be a tribute to the team's five seniors for their efforts over the past four years. "All of the seniors will be rowing in one 8+," she said. Goodwin, Henochowicz, Jones and O'Reilly will fill the remaining seats.

Men look to strengthen season at Schuylkill

by Eileen Starrett '07
SPORTS WRITER

Youth has been the primary obstacle for the men's crew team this season. "The men's team has struggled," said John Adams '06. "With half of the varsity 8+ made up of first-year rowers, the team lacks the critical traning time together that is needed to develop a strong boat."

Captain Kosta Popovic '06 added, "The team has had a lot of ups and downs integrating the new kids in, which is the primary focus of the fall season. It's worked out well so far, and so far the season has been pretty rewarding.

The Continentals boasted modest performances at the Stonehurst Capital Invitational in Rochester and the Head of the Charles in Boston. The men finished in 14th place out of 16 teams at the Stonehurst. Last weekend, they finished 39th at the Head of the Charles.

"The Head of the Charles went reasonably well given the number of first-timers we had in the boat," said Popovic. "We were still working out the kinks so it did not go as well as we wanted, but it was a good learning experience racing against all those fast boats like Holy cross, Western Ontario and Trinity."

This weekend, the team will compete in the Head of the Schuykil in Philadelphia. There, the Continentals will face off against some of the best teams in the country.

"The men's 8+ event will be challenging," said Adams. "The Head of the Schuylkill is the second largest race after the Head of the Charles, and it attracts a talented field of competitors. Philadelphia is a major rowing center with well-developed teams."

"We have high expectations for this upcoming weekend," added Popovic. "There will be lots of good teams out there. We are hoping to build on last week's experience and fix some of the things we had trouble with."

This week's practices will prove critical to the weekend's regatta. The men have been working dutifully to improve on past performances. "The quality of practices leading up to the event will be a tell-tale of how we will fare in the race," said Adams.

Hartwick serves tough loss to HCVB

by Blythe Winchester '08
SPORTS WRITER

The Continentals faced off against Hartwick in a close match on Wednesday night and after a hard-fought game, Hamilton faced a heart-breaking loss in four games, with scores of 30-27,30-24, 28-30 and 30-22. According to Captain Michelle Butler '06, the team had "trouble pushing through till the end." Wednesday was also Hartwick's Senior Night, which Butler said might have contributed to the final outcome. Just three weeks prior, Hamilton beat Hartwick in just three games at a tournament at Elmira College on September 10.

Allie Massaro '07 pounded 13 kills and served two aces against the Hawks. She contributed 16 digs. Captain Dee Martin '06 had a season-high 38 digs in the match; she is ranked fourth in the NESCAC in digs per game. Tracy Zaino '06 contributed a team-high 17 assists, while Julia Penrose '09 also contributed 16 assists and two aces Wednesday night. Butler led the defense with three blocks at net.

Despite the bitter loss, the Continentals go into tournament play this weekend looking to win. The Continentals's volleyball squad will travel to Williams College today to face off against Bates, Bowdoin and Colby. These will be the team's last three matches of the season.

Field hockey loses twice and just misses playoffs

by Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

The field hockey squad was unable to capitalize on its home-field advantage last weekend, dropping its final two games of the regular season. Hamilton faced nationally ranked William Smith on Friday, October 21, and finished its season the following day in a match against the University of Rochester. A two-game Liberty League sweep would have guaranteed the Continentals a post-season bid, but Hamilton has had a trouble defeating both teams in the past. The William Smith Herons have bested the Continentals in each of the last thirteen meetings, while the Rochester Yellow-Jackets have picked up their last ten against the Conts.

Last Friday, Hamilton faced tenth-ranked William Smith in an important conference match-up. The Herons stood undefeated in Liberty League games and boasted a 12-3 record.

Hamilton battled through the first half, keeping the Herons's offense at bay. William Smith fired eight shots against Erin "Brick Wall" Weinstock '08, managing to score only once in the first half. Hamilton matched William Smith with eight shots on goal, but could not pick up any goals. It looked like the first half would remain scoreless, until William Smith's Sophie Dennis scored on a penalty shot with just 43 seconds left. The shot turned an essentially equal half of play into a 1-0 Hamilton deficit.

After a hard-fought first half for the Conts, a superior William Smith team took advantage of the Continentals's fatigue. While a Hamilton comeback was definitely plausible during its 1-0 deficit, William Smith's three-goal barrage midway through the second period soon made a Continental rally seem questionable.

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Fifteen minutes into the second half, William Smith had earned a 4-0 advantage. The deficit might have been more if it were not for the ruthless defensive play of Katie "Bring Home the Bacon" Bliss '07, who had two defensive saves, and Sarah "Can't Believe it's Not Butter" Weiner '08, who was credited with one. Weinstock's play was unquestionably impeccable, but William Smith's Soviet-esque offensive arsenal proved disheartening for the Conts. Natalie "The Natural" Schwerin '08 managed to save the Continentals from being shutout with her score off a rebound. Occurring with just 6:04 left in the game, however, the goal was not enough to recharge the Hamilton squad. Hamilton did its best to stomach the 4-1 loss in time for its final regular season game against Rochester the following day.

Hamilton faced-off against Rochester last Saturday at home in a destiny-determining conference game. The game's playoff implications hung over the heads of all the Continentals, especially seniors Katelyn McGee and Kristen "Kamikaze" Archibald, who were potentially staring at their final game. Hamilton's slow start proved costly, as the first half ended with Rochester at a 2-0 advantage. Rochester also boasted an 8-0 advantage in shots, and similarly, a 6-1 lead in penalty corners.

At fourteen minutes into the second half, Hamilton's Kerry "Thumbs Up" Leonard '07 cut the deficit in half with a crucial goal on the assist from Archibald. On paper, Hamilton dominated the second half against Rochester. The Continentals out-shot the Yellow-Jackets 7-4 and were awarded nine penalty corners compared to their opponent's five. The same problem that has plagued this Hamilton squad all year proved similarly tragic in its final (most important) game of the season. Despite the Continentals's numerous offensive opportunities, they were unable to convert chances into goals at the most critical times.

Hamilton dropped its final game with a 4-1 loss against Rochester. Because the Conts were unable to overcome the Yellow-Jackets, it grounded their playoff opportunity. "Although we didn't always come out with the win," said Archibald, "we always challenged the other teams, which was awesome."

While Hamilton was unable earn a post-season spot this year, it was its most successful season since 1998. Hamilton posted a 5-9 overall record, thanks to an amazing effort from the squad's two seniors. Archibald and McGee were the backbone that supported this young and explosive team. Thanks to their dedication, both seniors made it through four years in order to usher in the future of Hamilton Field Hockey. Both athletes earned all-Liberty League Honorable Mention last year and will no doubt be considered for similar honors again.

Marley Berns '08 said of the seniors, "Katelyn and Kristen were such a huge part of the team's success this season. Things won't be the same next year without them."

Division 3 vs. Division 1; it's not a "no-brainer"

by Nick Rockwell '08
SPORTS EDITOR

In a rain soaked mess, I found myself cornered by an eighty year old man. My grandfather, who had made the trip up to Bowdoin for the game, stared me straight in the eyes and said, "Nick, I really liked watching that; that's real college sports– what the game should really be about." First of all I thought what is "that" and what is he talking about?

"Really?" I said, "What do you mean?"

In order to keep a strong reading audience I'm going to wait to reveal John Rockwell Sr.'s answer until the end (although skip ahead if you just can't contain your excitement). However, my grandfather's comment alerted me to a thought I had consistently overlooked: I play college football, just like Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush, Vince Young, Brady Quinn, etc. Technically we are all student athletes. We all have mid-term exams, roommates, fake ID's, parking permits, and wide-eyed 17 year-old girls who are considered "college students" now. Then I realized that these guys don't have it half as good as I do; they don't play Division III sports.

All kidding aside, sure everyone wants to play in front of 100,000 people, have girls signing up for a piece of their time, hang out with celebs, fly on charter planes, and party like a rockstar. But, what if you aren't Matt Leinart or Reggie Bush? What if you are one of the fifty or so players on your D1 team that in four years never even sniffs the playing field? What if you dedicate your college life to a cause that you never see any payoff from? Well, then you are in the wrong league. You should promptly pack your bags, throw your 900 page lifting book in the garbage, and book a ticket to the East coast where you can live like a normal 20 year-old and still crack heads every Saturday.

With all the media and fan attention these big name, D1, athletes get, their views on life after college have to be skewed. Joe-schmo, who's tailpad is permanently burned into the left side of the bench, could definitely be using his time better. He could probably be a star in the NESCAC, while *playing* a game he loves and learning valuable skills that can help him after college (sadly it does exist). In fact, in a recent *Financial Times* article by Lucy Kellaway, the writer detailed an exercise being conducted at the Kennedy School of Government (Harvard). Professors asked a class of second-year masters students to sit in a circle and honk, mimicking geese. Kellaway says the exercise "was meant to get them [the students] to bond as a team," and when these students think and act independently she "fear[s] that if they plan to be successful in big organizations in the future they will have that knocked out of them in time."

In the workforce, team players that know how to compete are a valuable commodity. Sitting on the bench is not competing, plus I bet Matt Leinart doesn't know all 100+ players on his team anyway. I can just see Mr. Left Bench from Florida sweating bullets in an interview for Goldman Sachs; an interview he never thought he'd have to take since in high school he was *sure* he'd be lighting up TV screens across America on Sundays.

"How are you a team player? How do I know you can work well with others? How can I be sure that little distractions won't deter you from the team goal?" Well if you rode the pine for the Gators you might say some dumb cliché that doesn't make sense (like "I know how practice makes perfect").

But, if you started at someplace like Hamilton and you've been playing since you were a freshman, you can talk about things much more tangibly. How about, "I leveraged my time and did well in the classroom, field, and socially and here's why." There are many more opportunities to succeed in different facets of your life at a school like Hamilton, plus the education is first rate.

Sports are better, more "real," at the D3 level for several reasons. First, there are fewer egos, fewer athletes who actually care about their own stats. Everyone just wants to win and is willing to do what it takes. After all, what's the incentive to score 3 goals and lose as opposed to 1 goal and win? Nothing. Nobody cares. The question is always the same: "Did you guys win?" Brady Quinn may get Heisman points from the sportscenter crew if he throws for 300+ with a couple of touches, or he may get lauded for his "toughness" by the same guys if he puts on a gutty performance on national TV. The casual fan doesn't really care if Notre Dame won or lost, they want to know about Quinn; how many yards did he throw for, how many td's, any pics?

Second, D3 allows time for other things. The football season doesn't end in November and start in December. The coaches encourage players to play other sports, take difficult classes, go abroad, join a play, drive to New York City for the weekend. Have a life! After four years these D3 athletes emerge as much more rounded individuals who also know how to think critically and act confidently in any situation.

The last reason why D3 athletics trumps D1 is best described by John Rockwell, who drove up to central Maine in the pouring rain to see his grandson play football. "It's more pure. That's the level 20 year olds should really be playing at." Well "that" is D3 college sports and it's clearly the best (well I suppose I'd take Matt Leinart's spot) game out there.

Correction:

Last week's *Spectator* incorrectly identified Kaitie Donovan as the only senior on the women's tennis team. Meghan Rose and Callen Sterling are also seniors on the team.

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Men's soccer earns spot in post-season play

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In a do-or-die match against RPI last Friday, October 21, the men's soccer team triumphed over the Red Hawks by a score of 3-1. Going into the game, Hamilton was in a three-way tie for third place in the Liberty League. The game was their ticket into the playoffs.

Freshman Maxwell Akuamoah-Boateng commented on Friday's game, saying "The win again RPI was clutch." He added, "It was just what we needed going into playoffs. We had to keep our head in to give our senior goalie [Anthony] Tripiccio, who has been out due to injury, a chance to get back on the field."

Right from kick-off Hamilton controlled the pace of the game. In the first half, RPI was marking Hamilton's front line players very tightly. The Continentals ended the first half with a slight advantage of 1-0. In the second half, the Contientals had many breakaway opportunities and plenty of scoring opportunities. Leading the attack were Greg Rogan '07, who added two goals to the final tally, and Zach Kelly '07, who added one.

Anthony Carello '09 stepped up in goal for Tripiccio, who was out due to internal bleeding. The freshman goalie has been fantastic in net during Tripiccio's abscence. In fact, last week Carello was named Liberty League defensive performer of the week. Pat Suarez '07 led the defense in front of Carello, hounding potential RPI goal scorers all afternoon. The team walked away with a 3-0 victory and a bid into the playoffs.

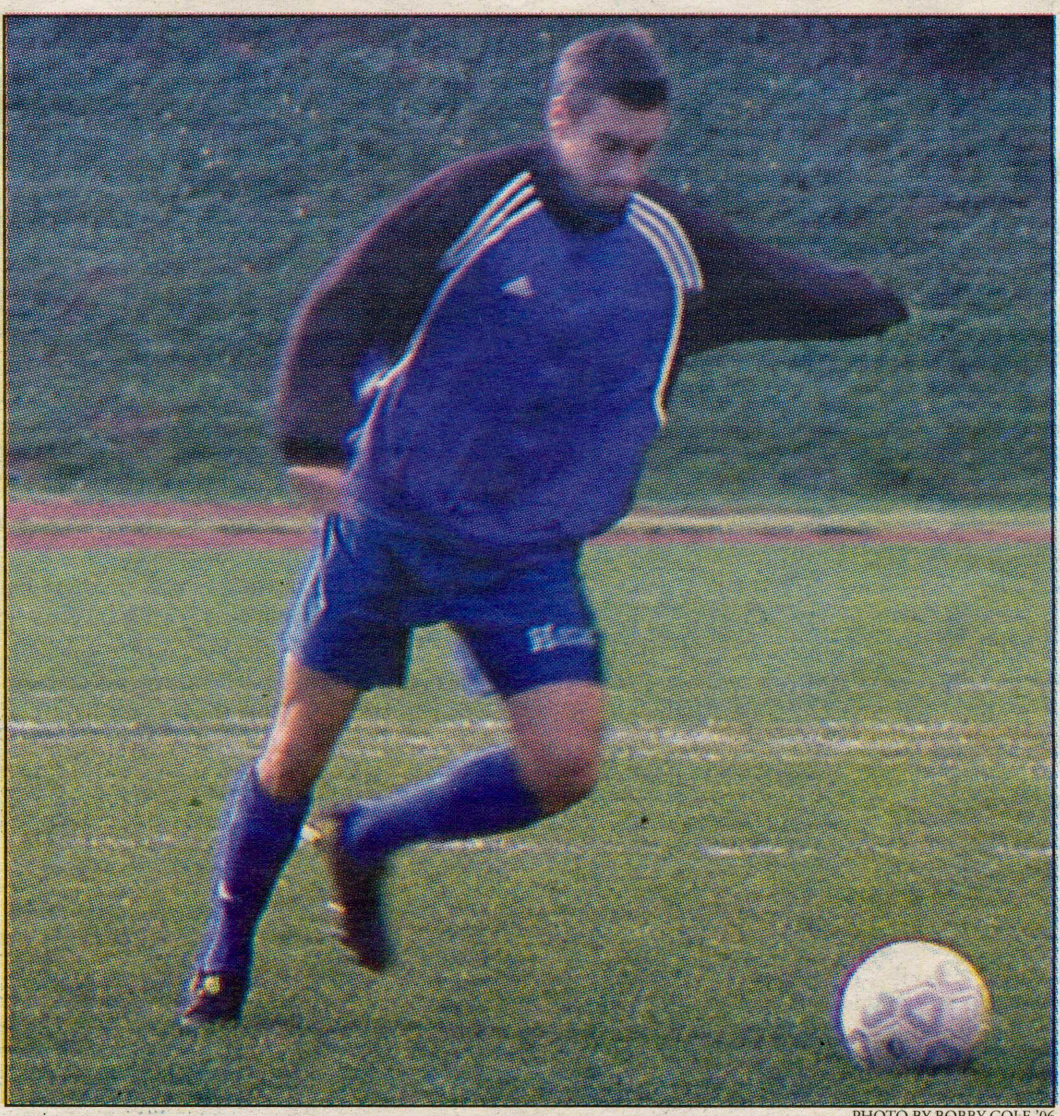
The Continentals went on to beat Vassar 2-0 the next day at Love Field. Ian Hildebrand '07 had both goals. Kelly and Rogan each contributed an assist.

The Liberty League playoffs will be held on November 4 at Union College. Hamilton holds the third seed and will face off against St. Lawrence in the semifinals.

"Our post season ambition is to go to Union and bring the cup home," said Akuamoah-Boateng. "In preparation for St. Lawrence we have been trying different formations and strategies and players in different positions."

Kelly said it is unclear if Tripiccio will be able to play in the crucial match. While his skill in goal would certainly be an asset to the Continentals, in the end it will come down to desire.

"It will definitely be crucial to bring a high level of intensity," said Kelly. "All of the teams in the league are good, so it comes down to who wants to win the most."



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Greg Scott gets ready for a game. The League playoffs begin next weekend.